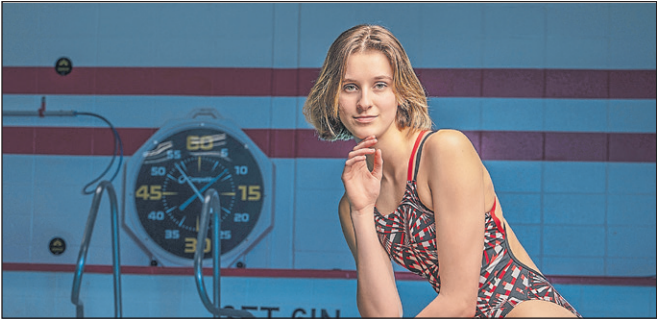
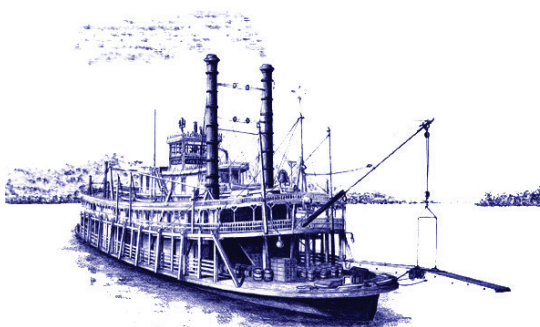




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Bob Demaree
Bill Wagner (left) talks with Indiana Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch while she was in Jefferson County on Friday to assess tornado damage. Wagner was home laying in the hallway at the time the storm hit his home. He said the ceiling and roof was torn off. He escaped injury but was covered with insulation.

Tornado wreaks havoc in Jefferson, Trimble counties

Storm arrives with very little warning

BY BOB DEMAREE

No one anticipated a tornado last Thursday afternoon but seemingly out of nowhere a powerful twister followed a path through Jefferson, Trimble, Carroll and Switzerland counties, destroying homes, knocking out power, blocking roads and causing heavy damage for more than 18 miles.

“The only alert that we had was a severe thunderstorm warning,” said Matt True, Jefferson County Emergency Management Agency director. “So, that means it’s going to rain, and there’s lightning and thunder,” which he noted is a common occurrence, and if conditions are worsening, then there will be a tornado watch. In this instance, that didn’t happen, and it “skipped right through to a tornado warning and it wasn’t probably 10 to 15 minutes after that” he was hearing reports of funnel clouds seen in Jefferson County.

True said the storm most likely destroyed four residences in Jefferson County and potentially two additional residences — half in Jefferson Manor in Hanover and the others just past Brooksbury in the vicinity of Sandy Beach in eastern Jefferson County along State Road 56.

He said that Jefferson County suffered damage to 97 structures — such as sheds, barns, carports and campers — and 29 primary residences, ranging from complete destruction to missing roof shingles or broken windows. There were two injuries — one person with heart attack symptoms transported non-emergency and another person with a broken arm.

The National Weather Service in Louisville reported an 18.4-mile path involving an EF-2 tornado with peak winds of 115 mph.

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Bob Demaree
The sound of chainsaws reverberated in downtown Milton, Kentucky, as property owners, first responders, workers and volunteers removed fallen trees from structures and roadways after Thursday’s EF-2 tornado damaged up to 100 structures in Trimble County including several buildings and homes like this former Wood-Oakley Funeral Home building near the Milton-Madison Bridge.

Tornado damages nearly 100 structures in Trimble County

BY BOB DEMAREE

Teams of volunteers were continuing the cleanup in Trimble County from a devastating tornado on Thursday that local Emergency Management Director Andrew Stark said impacted 85 structures, and possibly as many as 100.

Stark said 85 structures had been confirmed on Friday to have received damage in Trimble County and that “five to 10 of those were majorly damaged or destroyed.” Since then, Stark said 10 to 15 additional structures have been identified as damaged and were going to be checked Monday but expectations are that they experienced minor damage.

Stark said the damaged structures range from houses and trailers to campers and barns. “The unfortunate thing is a lot these houses are not houses but campers, and people just live in them year-round,” he said.

Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear was in Trimble and Carroll counties on Saturday morning to view the damage.

“We have significant damage to a num-

ber of structures, especially in Milton, in Trimble County,” Beshear said. “Though, thankfully, every report we have received, up until now, indicates there have been no fatalities and only a couple of minor injuries — and that is the most important thing. My promise is that we are going to work with everybody to do the very best to support them during this difficult time.”

General Butler State Resort Park was made available for people displaced because of the tornado. Stark said at one point there were 141 staying at the park but that number is now down to 17 families.

The National Weather Service reported the tornado began north of Hanover, Indiana, and after causing extensive damage in the Jefferson Manor subdivision, headed south across the Ohio River between River Bottom Road on the Indiana side and Coopers Bottom Road on the Kentucky side, just south of the Clifty Creek Power Plant.

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Prosecutor releases findings in death investigation

Briner shot her 3 children, took own life

BY THE COURIER STAFF

An investigation into four deaths that occurred in December on Telegraph Hill Road near Madison has determined that the evidence indicates that Naomi Briner shot her three children and then took her own life.

Those findings were released Friday by Jefferson County Prosecutor David Sutter.

“This was a tragic case that has been heartbreaking for the community and all who have been involved in this investigation. My heart goes out to the involved families for the tragedy that they have endured. I commend the Indiana State Police Detectives and the other agencies that have assisted in this case. At this time, I am not requesting that investigators pursue any additional leads in this case.”

Shortly after 4 p.m. on Dec. 12, emergency personnel responded to a home located in the 1600 Block of East Telegraph Hill Road. Upon arrival, first responders found the house on fire. Fire department personnel were able to enter the burning structure where four bodies were located. Despite life saving measures, all four individuals were pronounced dead at the scene.

The fire was extinguished, and detectives from the Indiana State Police-Versailles Post were called to the scene to lead the investigation. Multiple investigators from the Indiana State Police worked closely

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State police investigating inmate death at county jail

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Early Friday morning, detectives from the Indiana State Police-Versailles Post responded to the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office and Criminal Justice Center to investigate the death of a female inmate at the request of Jefferson County Sheriff Ben Flint.

The initial investigation indicates that the Hanover Police Department booked Misty Dawn Williams, 44, Hanover, into the jail shortly before 9 p.m. on Thursday evening on preliminary charges of Neglect of a Dependent, Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of a Hypodermic Syringe, and Maintaining a Common Nuisance.

At approximately 6 a.m. Friday, March 15, Williams was found unresponsive in the jail. Jail staff attempted to provide life saving medical care to Williams and EMS soon arrived to provide further treatment. However, those measures were unsuccessful and he was ultimately pronounced dead at the scene.

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Body of missing Osgood man found in Versailles Lake

BY THE COURIER STAFF
The body of an Osgood man missing since Friday, March 15, was recovered Sunday from Versailles Lake in Versailles Lake State Park.
Indiana Conservation Officers, utilizing sonar, recovered the body of Carson Hughes, 18, in 6 feet of water in the lake Sunday at 6:50 p.m.
Hughes was pronounced dead on scene by the Ripley County Coroner. The

cause of death has been ruled by autopsy as probable cold water drowning with no other evidence of injury present. The final autopsy report and cause of death are pending toxicology results.
Family notification has been made.
Hughes was a student at Jac-Cen-Del High School and amateur wildlife photographer. His vehicle was located Friday unlocked with the keys still inside

the vehicle near a boat ramp and his kayak was located on the water nearby. A social media post reported that Hughes’ camera was still on a tripod near the lake.
A search for Hughes was conducted on land and water near where his vehicle was located utilizing thermal and side-scan sonar technologies.
Assisting agencies include the Ripley County Sheriff’s Office, Ripley

County Coroner’s Office, Indiana State Police Aviation, Ripley County EMA, Ripley County EMS, Ripley County Health Department, Versailles Fire, Delaware Fire, Hamilton County Urban Search and Rescue, Friendship Fire, Batesville Fire, Buckeye Search and Rescue, Ohio Task Force One, Texas EquuSearch, Hamilton County Police Association Dive, and hundreds of civilian volunteers.

DAMAGES

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For a stretch the funnel cloud remained on the Ohio River, roughly paralleling the river between Madison and Milton. The southern fringes of the funnel initially entered Kentucky by brushing the shoreline at Trimble County, flipping over light trailers at the River Park Campground. It then entered Milton with more destruction, ripping off roofs and causing structural damage to numerous homes and businesses.
Jazz and Jac’s Pizza, 33 Coopers Bottom Road, had its roof torn off, and also received water damage. The business had been closed for the winter and Justin McCoy, who has owned the business the last two years, had scheduled interviews that day to hire employees for a reopening on March 29.
“It didn’t work out,” for the interviews, said McCoy. However, he intends to make repairs to the building to reopen whenever that is possible.
Next door at Milton Auto Sales, owner Darrell Henderson said he was watching the wide cloud when he “saw the rain coming then all of sudden I heard the train (a sound routinely associated with tornadoes). That’s when I went inside.”
Henderson said he climbed under his desk to ride out the storm. His concrete block building remained intact and the roof stayed on. “I had one window that got knocked out,” he noted.
The structure at 37 High Street, formerly the Wood-Oakley Funeral Home but now closed, sustained extensive roof damage. Just east of downtown Milton, a large historic brick home under renovation had a large section of its back wall blown out, with winds estimated at 105 mph, and a church and several other homes were damaged.
East of Milton along Highway 36, several large campers and a motor home were demolished. One tri-axle camper weighing well over 10,000 pounds was rolled and thrown more than 100 yards, with debris scattered



Bob Demaree

With the roof and ceiling missing, insulation ripped to shreds and walls and windows spattered with debris, employees removed kitchen equipment from Jazz & Jacs Pizza Shack in downtown Milton after Thursday’s EF-2 tornado damaged the building and caused water damage to the contents.

much farther. Just across Highway 36, a single family residence sustained major roof damage as half of the structure was removed by the tornado. East of that house, a semi trailer was rolled, a large barn was completely collapsed and shifted, and nearly every tree was snapped in a grove.
There was extensive tree damage just inside of western Carroll County and one large barn had extensive roof paneling damage, and a door blown out, along Hampton Road. There was a lot of topped tree damage along Locust Creek and Kentucky State 36.
Debris from the storm closed the Kentucky ramp to the Milton-Madison Bridge for several minutes after the storm had passed. Milton Hill on U.S. 421 was closed longer due to downed trees on the hillside and Kentucky 36 from Trimble County into Carroll County was closed until Friday afternoon due to downed trees, power lines and mud..
After striking Milton and along Highway 36, the tornado then crossed back across the Ohio River, reaching eastern Jefferson County and western Switzerland County, before returning back to Kentucky into Carroll County just east

of Carrollton on US 42. The National Weather Service reported at that point the tornado, an EF-2 tornado at its most powerful, was very narrow and produced some sporadic tree damage before weakening and ending its 18.4-mile path of damage.
For Trimble County, the storm marks the second time this year that storms have caused damage. On Feb. 10, straight-line winds caused damage mostly in the Morton Ridge area but there was also significant roof damage to the Morgan Community Center in Bedford during that weather event last month.
Stark said storm damage costs from the tornado are currently being calculated. If the loss reaches \$8 million the county could qualify to apply for FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) funding.
More than 100 volunteers were scheduled to help with cleanup efforts on Monday from the storm. There were 86 volunteers who helped on Saturday, not including about 40 to 50 firefighters, police, emergency medical service and county employees who were there. Trimble County High School junior and seniors were among those volunteering on Monday during the school’s spring break.

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with the Indiana Fire Marshal’s Office, Jefferson County Prosecutor’s Office, Jefferson County Coroner’s Office, Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office, and the Madison Police

Department throughout this investigation.
The four deceased individuals were soon identified as Naomi Briner, 35, Adelia Briner, 12, Leland Briner, 8, and Iyla Briner, 6. Naomi Briner was the biological mother of the three children.
All four of the deceased were transported to

Hamilton County, Ohio, where autopsies were performed by a forensic pathologist. Based on the results of the autopsies and other evidence in the case, the Jefferson County Coroner’s Office ruled the manner of death of the three children to be homicide. The autopsy reports showed that all three children sustained gunshot wounds, which were contributing factors in their deaths. The coroner’s office also listed the manner and cause of death of Naomi Briner to be from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.
At the conclusion of the investigation, the case was presented to the Jefferson County Prosecutor’s Office for review in which it was determined the evidence indicates that Naomi Briner was responsible for the deaths of her three children and herself.

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A forensic autopsy is scheduled to be performed in Hamilton County, Ohio, to determine the cause of death. At this time, no foul play is suspected.
Williams’ family has been notified.
The Indiana State Police has been assisted in this investigation by the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office and the Jefferson County Coroner’s Office.

NEWS ON RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER

LODGINGS

March 14
Matthew Louis Giltner, 31, Lexington, Indiana, on a Jefferson County arrest warrant. Bond \$5,000 cash.

March 15
Chelsy R. Duff, 25, no address, for Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor; Possession of Marijuana and Fraud-Interfering with Drug/Alcohol Screening, both Class B misdemeanors; and Reckless Driving, a Class C misdemeanor. No bond.
Jeremy Lee Owens, 36, Deputy, Indiana, to serve 2 days jail on a weekender sentencing. No bond.

Timothy Allen Ray Sr., 48, Scottsburg, on a Jefferson County arrest warrant. Bond \$5,000 cash.
Francisco Roman, 50, Madison, to serve 2 days jail on a weekender sentencing for probation violation. No bond.

March 16
Breahna Faye McCulley, 25, Madison, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony, and on a Jefferson County bench warrant (battery, neglect of dependent). Bond a combined \$21,000 cash.

Karla Marie Tillman Leone, 35, Madison, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony; Possession of a Schedule Drug, Resisting Law Enforcement and Possession of Marijuana, all Class A misdemeanors; and Reckless Driving, Operating Without Ever Obtaining a License and Possession of Paraphernalia, all Class C misdemeanors. No bond.

Aaron John Vaught, 46, Madison, to serve 1 day on a weekender sentencing. No bond.

Breonna Michelle Youngblood, 33, Madison, for Maintaining a Common Nuisance, a Level 6 felony. No bond.

March 17
Adam W. Stockdale, 40, Austin, Indiana, for Invasion of Privacy, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SUPERIOR & CIRCUIT COURT

SENTENCINGS

March 13
Crissy A. Jackson, Madison, revocation of parole for probation violation (Dealing in Methamphetamine, Level 2

felony, 2 counts). Sentenced to 8 year, 347 days on Count 1 and 7 years on Count 2, concurrent, with credit for 31 days served plus \$3, 113 in court costs and fees.

March 14
Alexandria Smith Milton, 36, Kentucky, to an amended charge of Possession of a Narcotic Drug, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 540 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 48 days served and 492 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$889 in fees and court costs.
David Wayne Lee McCormick, 50, Madison, to amended charges of Maintaining a Common Nuisance, a Level 6 felony; Cruelty to an Animal, a Class A Misdemeanor-2 Counts; Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor-3 Counts. Sentenced to 365 days at Indiana Department of Correction on the felony, fully executed, consecutive to 180 days, concurrent, fully executed on the Cruelty to Animal misdemeanors plus \$489 in fees and \$394.09 restitution to the Jefferson County Animal Shelter. IDOC time to be served first before transported back to Jefferson County to serve the jail time.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS
JEFFERSON COUNTY
March 14
Steward Hizey and Kimberly Hizey to Steward Hizey and Kimberly A. Hizey (trustees) and Hizey Family Trust, 766 West Third Street, Madison.
Steward Hizey and Kimberly Hizey to Steward Hizey and Kimberly A. Hizey (trustees) and Hizey Family Trust, 317 East Fourth Street, Madison.
Steward Hizey and Kimberly Hizey to Steward Hizey and Kimberly A. Hizey (trustees) and Hizey Family Trust, 768 West Third Street, Madison.
Shawn Scudder to Michael Moore and Desirae Moore, approximately 46.8 acres at 7484 East County Road 550 North, Madison.

March 15
John D. Schuring to Schuring Construction Inc., 1063 West Main Street, Madison.
Shawn D. Bennett to Tesla Matthews, 3325 North Quail Drive, Madison.

ANNIVERSARY

MARCH 27

Harold E. & Patsy A. Brooks — 60

WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:44 a.m.
Sunset: 7:54 p.m.
Temperature: High 40, Low 26, Mean 33, Deficit 7.2
Precipitation since last published: .28
Precipitation, March 2024: 1.46
Precipitation, 2024: 8.90
Barometer: 29.94, Rising
River Level at Clifty Creek: 430.88, Falling
Forecast: Wednesday: Partly cloudy High 53/Low 26; Thursday: Partly cloudy High 48/Low 34; Friday: Cloudy High 58/Low 38.

LOTTERY

INDIANA
Hoosier Lotto: 9-25-29-31-41-46 (2/16). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$7.1 million. Next Drawing (3/20).
Cash Five: 5-14-27-28-33 (3/17)
Cash 4 Life: 16-51-52-55-56 CB: 2 (3/17)
KENTUCKY
Cash Ball: 1-9-26-32 CB 23 (3/17)
Kentucky 5 Extra: 11-16-18-20-31 (3/17)
Lucky For Life: 1-15-20-43-44 LB: 18 (3/173)
MEGAMILLIONS
13-25-50-51-66 MB: 6, MP 5 (3/15). Next Jackpot: \$875 million. Next Drawing (3/19)
POWERBALL
12-23-44-57-61 PB: 5, PP 2 (3/16). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$645 million. Next Drawing (3/18)
POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY
9-11-13-29-69 PB: 12 (3/16). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (3/18)



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OBITUARIES

Benjamin Floyd Johnson

Benjamin Floyd Johnson, 34, of Deputy, passed away at 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at his residence. Born July 19, 1990, in Clarksville, he was the son of Billy Johnson and Matilda Howard Paeper.

Benjamin attended Madison Consolidated Schools and worked for Rick Lucas Lawn Care for three years. He had previously worked for the street department for the City of Madison. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, ginseng hunting, camping down by the creek, riding motorcycles and rode to Alaska twice, and his two dogs, Journey, and Sally.

Survivors include his father, Billy (Donna) Johnson of Paris Crossing; mother, Matilda (Jason) Paeper of Carrollton, KY; brother, Billy (Nona Foga) Johnson of Deputy; granny, Judy (Chuck) Howard Stater of Madison; stepbrother, Alex (Angela Vandwinden) Bell of Paris Crossing and stepsister, Allysen Perry of Commiskey. He was preceded



in death by his grandparents, Joe and Patty Johnson and grandpa, Marty Howard. A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at the Dove-Sharp & Rudicel Funeral Home and Cremation Service in North Vernon with the Rev. Brandon Whitt officiating. The visitation for family and friends will be held from 12:30 p.m. until the time of the service on Wednesday. A burial will follow in the Coffee Creek Christian Cemetery in Paris Crossing. Memorials may be made through the funeral home in honor of Benjamin to Mercy Rescue and Adoption Inc.

Monnie Lee Tackett

Monnie Lee Tackett, age 94, of Lexington, Indiana entered this life on May 16, 1929 in Wolfe County, Kentucky. She was the loving daughter of the late George Everett and Evalée Sewell Tackett. She was a graduate of Wolfe County High School, and she went on to obtain her Bachelor's Degree from Eastern Kentucky University. She retired from Trapp Elementary school outside of Winchester, Kentucky, where she was a teacher for many years. She moved to Indiana after retirement in the early 1990s. She was of the Baptist faith and she attended Paynesville Christian Church. She loved to travel and enjoyed her garden. Monnie died on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 1:02 p.m. at the Norton King's Daughters' Hospital in Madison, Indiana.

Monnie will be missed by her loving nieces, Gerri Hallas and her husband, Michael of Lexington, IN, Carolyn Leach of Hanover, IN; her loving nephew, George Tackett of Madison, IN; and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, George Everett Tackett, her mother, Evalée Sewell Tackett, her brothers, Charles Tackett and



John Harrison Tackett, and nephews, Charles Alvan Tacker and Henry Tackett. Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 6 p.m., by Bro. John Morris at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow on Thursday, March 21, 2022 at 2 p.m. graveside in the Winchester Cemetery, 625 West Lexington Avenue in Winchester, Kentucky. Friends may visit Wednesday, March 20, 2024 from 4 — 6 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre. Memorial contributions may be made to the Jefferson County Animal Shelter. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Vickie Lynn Flanagan Pineda

Vickie Lynn Flanagan Pineda, age 68, of Madison, Indiana entered this life on March 24, 1955 in Madison, Indiana. She was the daughter of the late Lendon G. Flanagan, Sr. and Anna Frances Abbott Flanagan. Vickie died on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 9:45 a.m. at the Norton King's Daughters' Hospital in Madison, Indiana.

Vickie will be missed by her loving husband, Kenneth L. Pineda of Madison, IN; her step daughter, Ashley Santos and her husband, Gabe of TX; her step grandchildren, Ally, Savannah, and Breanne; her sister, April Quintana of La Mirada, California; her brother, Lendon G. Flanagan, Jr. of Brooklyn, NY; her aunts, Hazel

Stamper, Lois Boulton, and Brenda Beverly; her uncle, Terry Abbott; several nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Lendon G. Flanagan, Sr.; her mother, Anna Frances Abbott Flanagan; her grandparents, Arlus and Ruby Stevens Flanagan and Elmer and Bessie Reece Abbott.

Vickie chose cremation and a celebration of life will be announced. Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's charity of choice. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Iraci De Melo Neri Rowlett



Jewel Place. She had also enjoyed her time working as a senior clerk with Belterra Casino and Resort in Switzerland County. Iraci was raised Catholic and after moving to Madison became a member of Christ Episcopal Church in downtown Madison. She was a talented artist making custom jewelry. She loved Madison and enjoyed working for many local businesses, Historic Broadway Hotel and Restaurant, Antiques on Main, Sunrise Golf Course, Fudge Factory, Boutique La Feme, the jewelry department at Walmart, the jewelry department at J.C. Penney, and the

was a warm, caring and always smiling. She loved her dog, Jasper and her kitty, Fluffy. She fought a courageous battle with cancer and passed peacefully on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 11:25 p.m. at the Waters of Clifty Falls.

Iraci will be missed by her step-daughters, Jill Simmons and her companion, Charlie Rector of Milton, KY, Gina Everett and her husband, Lyle of Madison, IN; her step-son, Jeff Rowlett and his wife, Kathy of Milton, KY; her step-grandchildren, Seth Rowlett (Hannah), Shane Rowlett (Charley), Sam Everett (Kyla), Heidi Everett, and Even Simmons; her step-great grandchildren, Fletcher, Winnie Sue, Regan, Levi, Charlie, McKenna, and Jackson; her brothers, Enedino De Melo Neri of Rio, Aluiseo De Melo Neri of Rio, Armando De Melo Neri of Rio; her sister, Iuraci De Melo Neri of Pilar Paraiba; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. She

was preceded in death by her father, Camilo Felipe Neri, her mother, Maria Emilia De Melo, her brother, Orlando De Melo Neri, her sister-in-law, Maria De Melo and her former husband, Gary Alan Rowlett, died October 29, 2019.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 18, 2024, at 6 p.m., by Chaplain Sandy Fox at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison, Indiana. Interment will be at a later date in the Moffett Cemetery in Milton, Kentucky.

Friends could call Monday from 4-6 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Iraci Rowlett Remembrance Fund, or the Kindness Group or the American Cancer Society. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Theresa Lynn Cooper Crittenden

Theresa Lynn Cooper Crittenden, age 57, of Pleasureville, Kentucky formerly of Madison, Indiana entered into this life on July 6, 1966 in Madison, Indiana. She was the loving daughter of the late, Robert Mason and Bessie Alice Parson Cooper.

Theresa died on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 4:35 p.m. at the Jewish Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky.

Theresa will be missed by her husband of 37 years, Eugene Wayne Crittenden, Sr. of Madison, IN; her daughters, Kelly Miller of Jeffersonville, IN, Chassie Cooper of Madison, IN; Chelse Scott and her husband, Clyde of Holton, IN; her grandchildren, Annatasia, Destiny, Cheyanne, Kelse, Kaleb, Tobin, Atticus, Arabella, Claude, Jr.; her great grandchildren, Mason, Mavis, Lincoln, Theodore, Adam Lee, and Serenity; her sisters, Sharon Barnes of Worthville, KY, Carolyn Eden of Lexington, IN, Melissa Cooper of Lexington, KY; her brothers, Larry Cooper of Madison, IN, Robert "Bobby" Cooper

of Madison, IN, Eugene Cooper of Madison, IN; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Martin Cooper, her mother, Bessie Alice Parson Cooper, her daughter, Sandy Sue Crittenden, died in 1995, her sisters, Jolina A. Edwards and Alice Rose Marie Morrison, her brothers, Clarence Cooper, John Robert Dallas Cooper, Bruce Cooper, Harry Cooper, Kenneth Lee Cooper, and Terry Allen Cooper.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 1 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow in the Dupont Cemetery in Dupont.

Friends may visit Tuesday from 11 a.m. — 1 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Billie Ruth Sandlin Wyne

Billie Ruth Sandlin Wyne, age 97, of Hanover, Indiana, entered this life on January 23, 1927 in Perry County, Kentucky. She was the loving daughter of the late Floyd C. and Ollie McKnight Sandlin. Billie died on Friday, March 15, 2024, at 11:10 p.m. at the Norton Audubon Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky.

Billie will be missed by her loving son, Gregory Wyne of Hanover, IN; her loving daughter, Diane Welle and her husband, Tony of Goshen, KY; her loving granddaughter, Meghan Welle; her sister in law, Louetta "Lou" Anderson Wyne of Petersburg, IN; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Floyd C. Sandlin; her mother, Ollie McKnight Sandlin; her loving husband of 64 years,

Elmer E. Wyne; her sisters, Edna Whitsitt, Martha Padgett Paugh, Opal Stout, Gladys Sandlin, and her brother, J.C. Sandlin.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, March 23, 2024, at 1 p.m., by Pastor Skip Napier at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre — Hanover Chapel, 278 East Main Street in Hanover, Indiana. Interment will follow in the Hanover Cemetery in Hanover, Indiana.

Friends may visit Saturday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre — Hanover Chapel in Hanover, Indiana. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Hanover and Madison. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Anthony Peter 'Tony' Hertz

Anthony Peter "Tony" Hertz, age 89, of Madison, Indiana entered this life on January 18, 1935 at home in Madison, Indiana. He was the son of the late Charles Nicholas and Louise Catherine Rousch Hertz. Tony passed from this life on Friday, March 15, 2024, at 4:45 p.m. at the Norton King's Daughters' Hospital in Madison, Indiana.

Tony will be missed by his sons, David Hertz and his wife, Angie of Madison, IN, Nick Hertz of Madison, IN; his daughters, Joni Hertz Lanham and her husband, Ron of Madison, IN, Laura Jo Hertz Black and her husband, Robert of Madison, IN; his grandchildren: Jessica Flint (Ben), Justin Lanham (Jennifer), Katelyn Hertz, Jacob Hertz, Ashton Amodio (Dom); his sisters, Mary Ann Bear and her husband: Ronald of Madison, Indiana, Joan Tucker of Madison, IN; his brother, Joe Hertz and his wife: Deanna of Madison, IN; his sister in law, Nancy Hertz of Cincinnati, OH; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Nicholas Hertz; his mother, Louise Catherine Rousch Hertz; his wife of 30 years, Alice Gay Hartman Hertz; his brothers, Charles F. Hertz, and his wife, Norma Jean, William E. Hertz, Francis W. "Petie" Hertz, and his wife, Audrey, Albert A. Hertz, and his wife, Betty, Bernard N. "Pee Wee" Hertz and his

wife, Verrel; his sisters, Patricia Ann Hertz, Marian Louise Lynch, and her husband, Lee; Wilma Margaret "Susie" McKay, and her husband, Thomas; his brother in law, James Frank Hartman; his father in law and mother in law, J. B. Hartman, and Anna Jeanette Hall Hartman, and his grandson, Jeremy Matthew Lanham.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 11 a.m., at the Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 413 East Second Street Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow in the Fairmount Cemetery in Madison, Indiana.

Friends may visit Tuesday from 4 — 7 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana.

Washington Fire Company No. 2 will conduct a fireman's memorial service on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison, Indiana.

The Rosary will be prayed at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre.

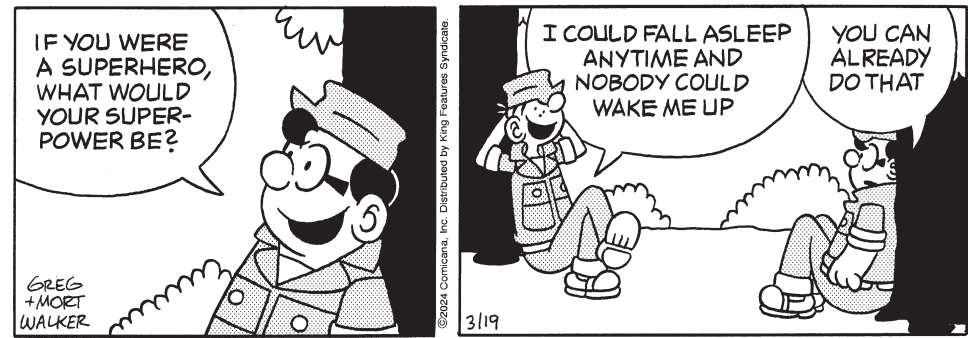
Memorial contributions may be made to the Lide White Boys and Girls Club or Girls Inc or the Friends of Shawe and Pope John. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover or at the church. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

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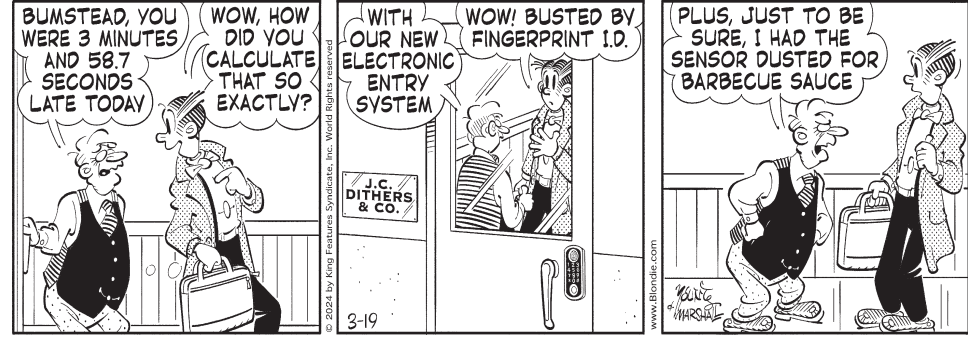
Ulysses Allen "U.A." "Fordy" Ford, 96, of Carrollton, KY, died Friday, March 15, 2024, at the Swiss Villa Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Vevay, IN. Arrangements will ne announced by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyeckler-rileyfuneralhome.com. **Richard Allen "Dickie" Knox Sr., 72**, of Vevay, IN, died Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at Norton Hospital in Louisville. No services are being held at this time. Arrangements by Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay,

www.haskellandmorrison.com. **Whitaker "Junebug" Louden Jr., 89**, of Bedford, KY, died Friday, March 15, 2024. Funeral services will be at noon on Tuesday, March 19, at Prewitt Funeral Home in New Castle, KY, with interment at Sulphur Cemetery in Sulphur, Ky., www.prewitts.com. **Gordon Peelman, 90**, of Lawrenceburg, IN, died Thursday, March 14, 2024, at St. Elizabeth Healthcare Hospital in Edgewood, KY.

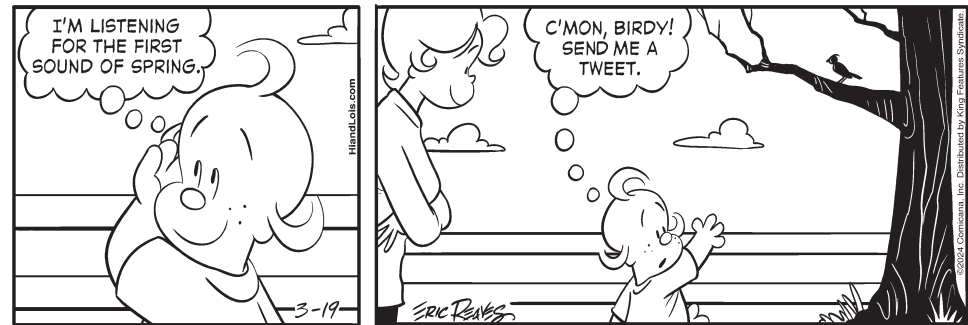
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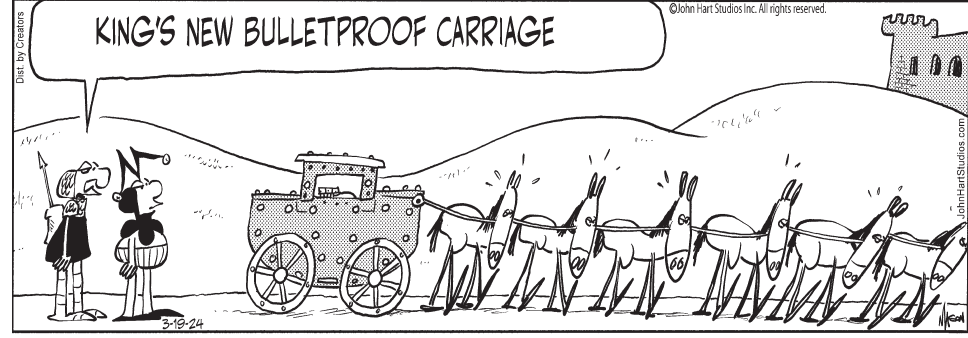
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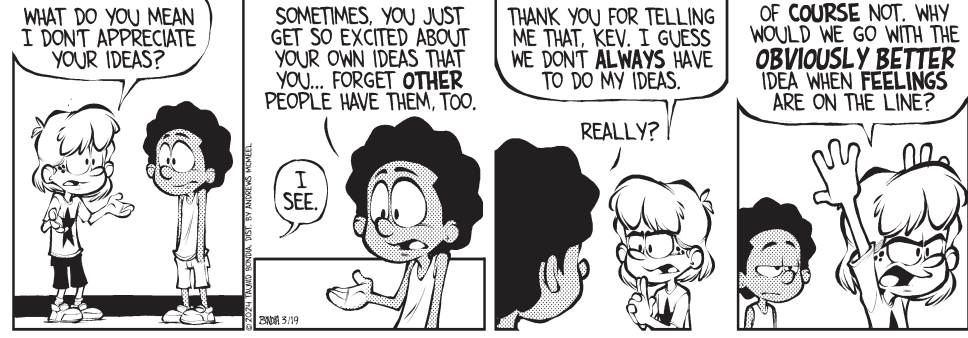
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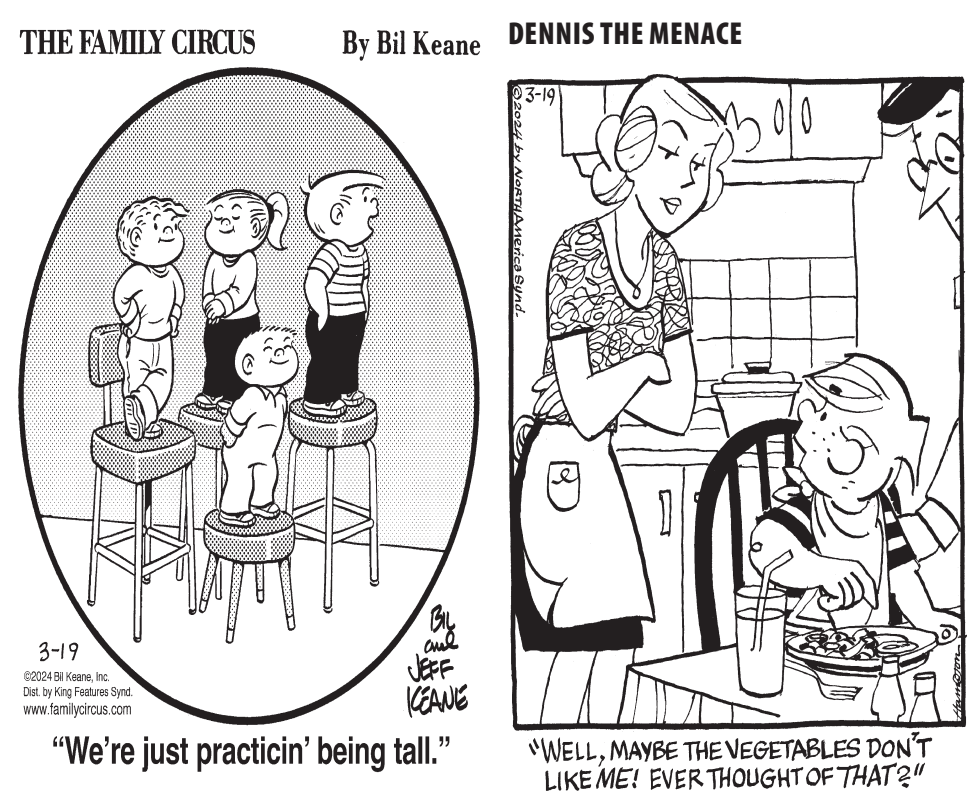
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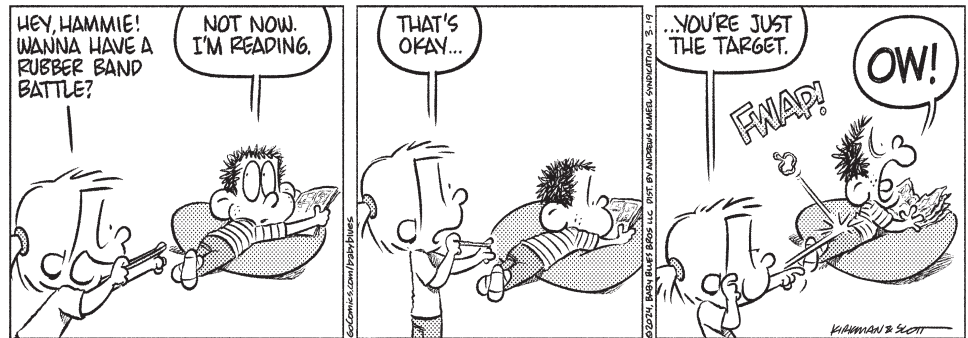
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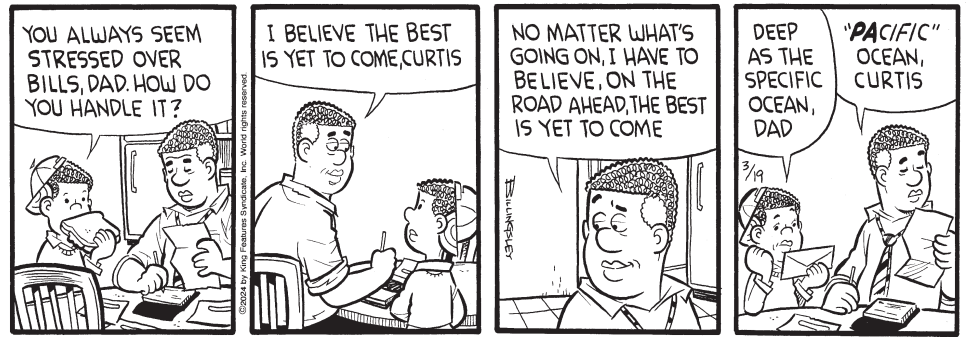
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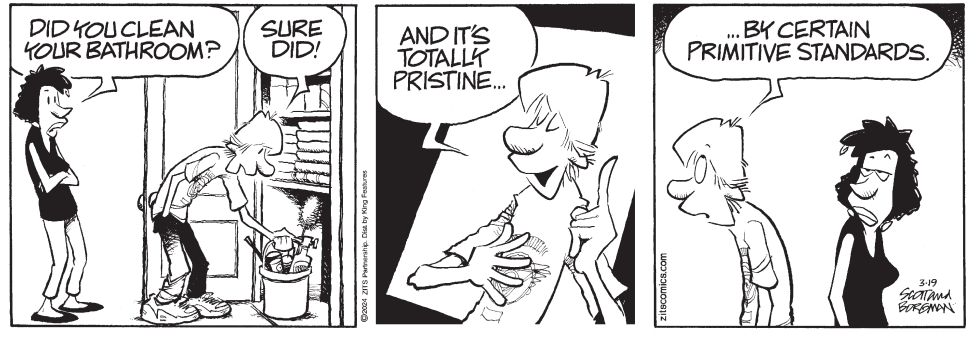
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 19, 1995, after a 21-month hiatus, Michael Jordan returned to professional basketball with his former team, the Chicago Bulls. (He would go on to win three more NBA championships to go with the three he and the Bulls had already won.)

On this date:

- In 1859**, the opera "Faust" by Charles Gounod premiered in Paris.
- In 1931**, Nevada Gov. Fred B. Balzar signed a measure legalizing casino gambling in the state.
- In 1942**, during World War II, President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered men between the ages of 45 and 64, inclusive, to register for non-military duty.
- In 1945**, during World War II, 724 people were killed when a Japanese dive bomber attacked the carrier USS Franklin off Japan (the ship was saved).
- In 1977**, the series finale of "Mary Tyler Moore" aired on CBS-TV, ending the situation comedy's seven-season run.
- In 1987**, televangelist Jim Bakker resigned as chairman of his PTL ministry organization amid a sex and money scandal involving Jessica Hahn, a former church secretary.
- In 1991**, Polish President Lech Walesa arrived in Washington for his first state visit to the United States.
- In 1997**, artist Willem de Kooning, considered one of the 20th century's greatest painters, died in East Hampton, New York, at age 92.
- In 2003**, President George W. Bush ordered

the start of war against Iraq. (Because of the time difference, it was early March 20 in Iraq.)

In 2007, a methane gas explosion in a Siberian coal mine killed 110 workers.

In 2012, the Justice Department announced it had begun an investigation into the fatal shooting of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin in Florida by a neighborhood watch captain, George Zimmerman. (No federal civil rights charges were filed; Zimmerman was acquitted of a state charge of second-degree murder after claiming self-defense.)

In 2013, Pope Francis officially began his ministry as the 266th pope, receiving the ring symbolizing the papacy and a wool stole exemplifying his role as shepherd of his 1.2-billion strong flock during a Mass at the Vatican.

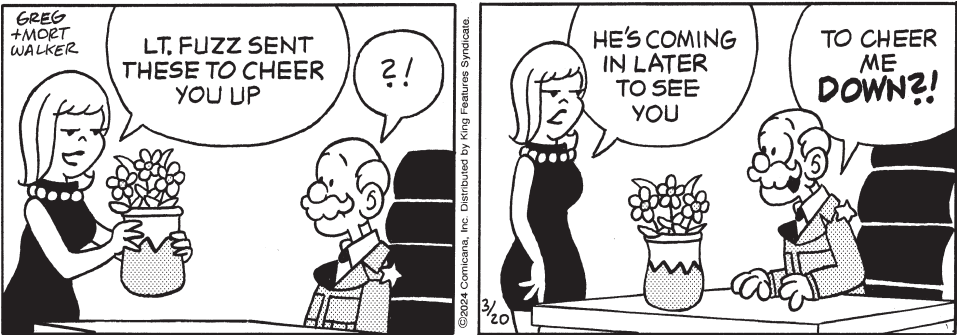
In 2020, President Donald Trump focused attention on a malaria drug, chloroquine, as a possible

coronavirus treatment; the FDA issued a statement saying that there were "no FDA-approved therapeutics" to treat COVID-19.

In 2022, Russian forces pushed deeper into Ukraine's besieged and battered port city of Mariupol, where heavy fighting shut down a major steel plant and local authorities pleaded for more Western help.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Renee Taylor is 91. Actor Ursula Andress is 88. Singer Clarence "Frogman" Henry is 87. Singer Ruth Pointer (The Pointer Sisters) is 78. Actor Glenn Close is 77. Actor Bruce Willis is 69. Actor-comedian Mary Scheer is 61. Actorwright Neil LaBute is 61. Actor Connor Trinneer is 55. Rock musician Gert Bettens (K's Choice) is 54. Rapper Bun B is 51. Rock musician Zach Lind (Jimmy Eat World) is 48. Actor Virginia Williams is 46. Actor Abby Brammell is 45. MLB pitcher Clayton Kershaw is 36. Actor Craig Lamar Traylor is 35. Actor Philip Bolden is 29.

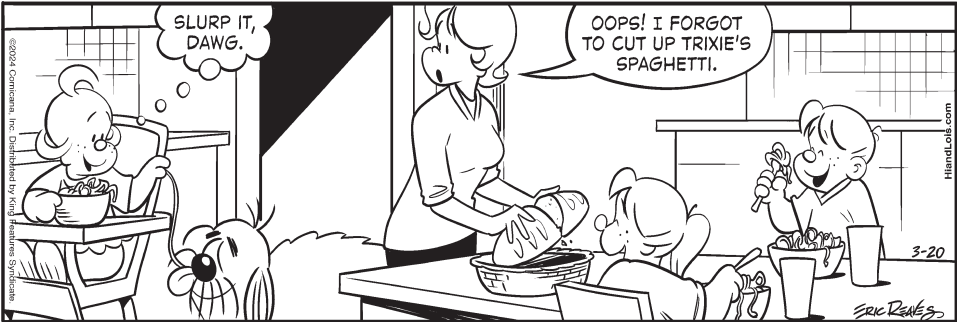
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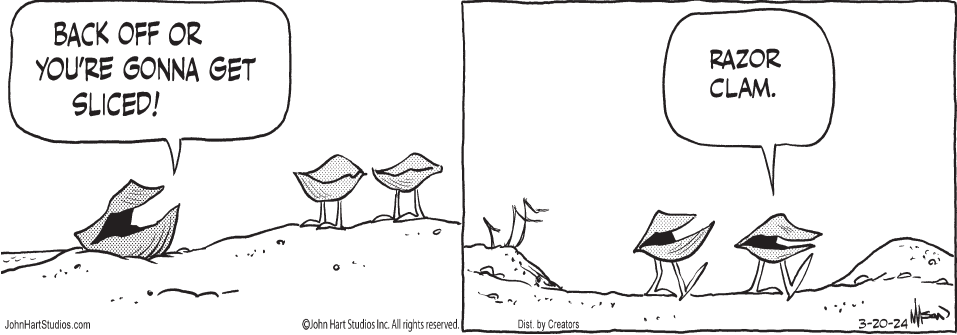
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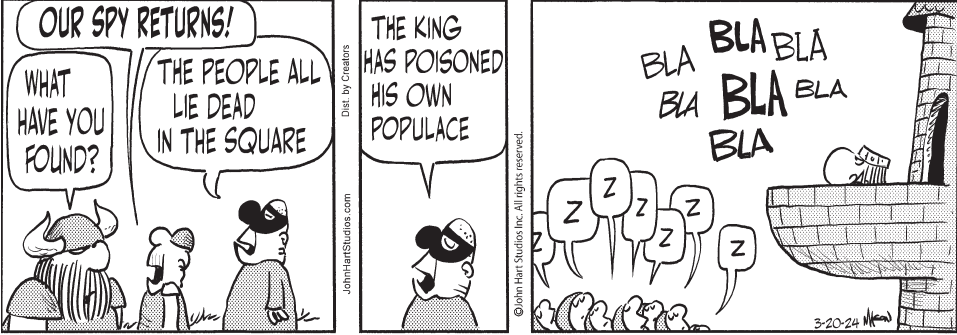
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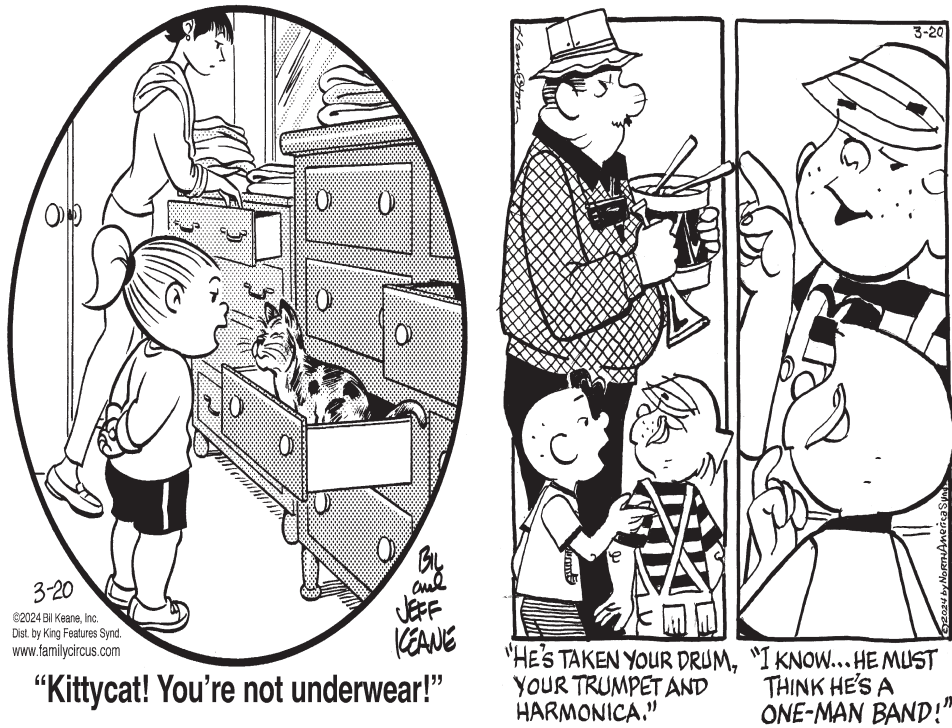


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By Bill Keane

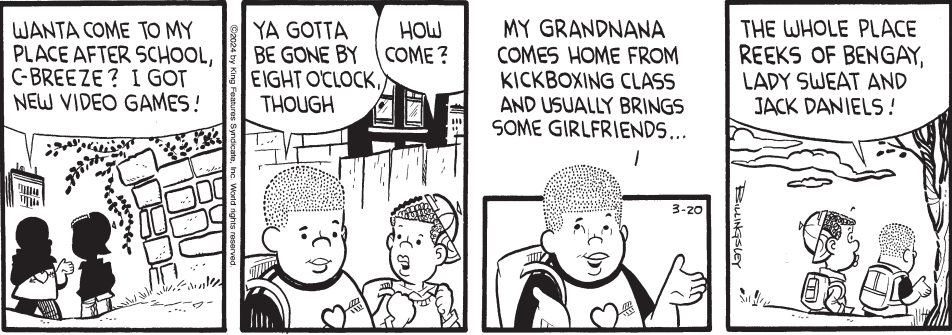
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 20, 1996, a jury in Los Angeles convicted Erik and Lyle Menendez of first-degree murder in the shotgun slayings of their wealthy parents. (They were sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.)

On this date:
In 1413, England's King Henry IV died; he was succeeded by Henry V.
In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte returned to Paris after escaping his exile on Elba, beginning his "Hundred Days" rule.

In 1852, Harriet Beecher Stowe's influential novel about slavery, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was first published in book form after being serialized.
In 1854, the Republican Party of the United States was founded by slavery opponents at a schoolhouse in Ripon, Wisconsin.

In 1922, the decommissioned USS Jupiter, converted into the first U.S. Navy aircraft carrier, was recommissioned as the USS Langley.

In 1952, the U.S. Senate ratified, 66-10, a Security Treaty with Japan.
In 1969, John Lennon married Yoko Ono in Gibraltar.

In 1976, kidnapped newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was convicted of armed robbery for her part in a San Francisco bank holdup carried out by the Symbionese Liberation Army. (Hearst was sentenced to seven years in prison; she was released after serving 22 months, and was pardoned in 2001 by President Bill Clinton.)

In 1995, in Tokyo, 12 people were killed, more than 5,500 others sickened

when packages containing the deadly chemical sarin were leaked on five separate subway trains by Aum Shinrikyo cult members.

In 2013, making his first visit to Israel since taking office, President Barack Obama affirmed Israel's sovereign right to defend itself from any threat and vowed to prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons.

In 2014, President Barack Obama ordered economic sanctions against nearly two dozen members of Russian President Vladimir Putin's inner circle and a major bank that provided them support, raising the stakes in an East-West showdown over Ukraine.

In 2017, U.S. Supreme Court nominee Neil Gorsuch pledged to be independent or "hang up the robe" as the Senate began confirmation hearings on President Donald Trump's conservative pick for the nation's highest bench.

In 2018, in a phone call to Vladimir Putin, President Donald Trump offered congratulations on Putin's re-election victory; a senior official said Trump had been warned in briefing materials that he should not congratulate Putin.

In 2020, the governor of Illinois ordered residents to remain in their homes except for essential needs, joining similar efforts in California and New York to limit the spread of the coronavirus. Stocks tumbled again on Wall Street, ending their worst week since the 2008 financial crisis; the Dow fell more than 900 points to end the week with a 17% loss.

In 2022, Ukrainian authorities said Russia's military bombed an art school

sheltering about 400 people in the port city of Mariupol, where refugees described how "battles took place over every street" weeks into a devastating siege.

In 2023, Russian President Vladimir Putin welcomed Chinese leader Xi Jinping to the Kremlin, sending a powerful message to Western leaders that their efforts to isolate Moscow over the fighting in Ukraine have fallen short.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Hal Linden is 93. Basketball Hall of Fame coach Pat Riley is 79. Country singer-musician Ranger Doug (Riders in the Sky) is 78. Hockey Hall of Famer Bobby Orr is 76. Blues singer-musician Marcia Ball is 75. Rock musician Carl Palmer (Emerson, Lake and Palmer) is 74. Rock musician Jimmie Vaughan is 73. Actor Amy Aquino is 67. Movie director Spike Lee is 67. Actor Theresa Russell is 67. Actor Vanessa Bell Calloway is 67. Actor Holly Hunter is 66. Rock musician Slim Jim Phantom (The Stray Cats) is 63. Actor-model-designer Kathy Ireland is 61. Actor David Thewlis is 61. Rock musician Adrian Oxaal (James) is 59. Actor Jessica Lundy is 58. Actor Liza Snyder is 56. Actor Michael Rapaport is 54. Actor Alexander Chaplin is 53. Actor Cedric Yarbrough is 51. Actor Paula Garcés is 50. Actor Bianca Lawson is 45. Comedian-actor Mikey Day is 44. Actor Nick Blood (TV: "Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.") is 42. Rock musician Nick Wheeler (The All-American Rejects) is 42. Actor Michael Cassidy is 41. Actor-singer Christy Carlson Romano is 40. Actor Ruby Rose is 38. Actor Barrett Doss is 35.

‘I BEAT IT ALL’

Milton residents discuss surviving tornado that caused significant damage, minor injuries

BY MARY BETH JACKSON
CORRESPONDENT

MILTON, Ky. — Thursday afternoon, Bob Rowlett was sitting on his Ferry Street porch, taking in his surreal surroundings. To his left, a bevy of state and local authorities were congregated around at the intersection of Ferry and U.S. 421, making assessments and directing traffic.

The porch posts were unsettlingly askew, and the soffit was damaged.

His daughter-in-law Hannah Rowlett and her friend Lexi Roberts were stuffing debris in trash bags and marveling how the dafodils were still standing. Rowlett was just glad to be home.

The Kentucky Utilities guard, 77, was driving home from work on Kentucky 36 when the winds bore down on him around the unincorporated community of Locust.

“It actually picked up my car and slid me to the other side of the road,” said Rowlett, who was driving a high-profile SUV.

After righting the vehicle, Rowlett kept driving and encountered downed power lines. He sought an alternate route home through Hunter Heights, only to run into more debris. He was forced to head back toward Locust.

Effectively, he’d been trapped. He said it took him nearly three hours to make what should have been a roughly 20-minute drive home.

But he and his Cadillac had weathered it. Somehow, he’d missed the golf-ball-sized hail.

“I beat it all,” he said.

To his right, where Ferry winds into Kentucky 36, the tornado had woven a significant damage path. At the intersection of those roads, Danielle Rowlett (a relative to Bob, she said) and her friends were

sorting through wreckage of her camper, which had been flipped upside down.

A copy of James Patterson’s book “Unlucky 13” sat upon a stripped mattress, awaiting return to the Trimble County Public Library. She was seeking a bookcase and her own books and photo albums it held. Her personal effects were strewn in the adjacent trees and brush, like some unholy clothesline. A friend rooted some clean underthings for her from a plastic storage drawer pulled from the camper.

Her Nissan in need of a radiator sat a few yards away, and that’s why folks thought she might have been dead.

“Everyone thought I was home,” Rowlett said, pointing at the car. “I’m thankful I wasn’t home when this happened. I wouldn’t have made it.”

Rowlett was with family in Oldham County when a coworker from the significantly damaged Fast Mart on U.S. 421 called to let her know the camper was destroyed. Her 15-year-old chihuahua/mini pinscher mix, Steve, was wandering around scared. It was his birthday. Rowlett’s coworker kindly picked him up and returned him to her.

“He’s a survivor,” she said.

It was time to tend to her own survival, and working out where she would be staying for the night — hopefully a place Steve could go too.

Had she eaten?

“I’m going now,” she said, and walked toward friends who were waiting.

Rowlett’s story was far from unique when a tornado ripped through Milton on Thursday afternoon.

The tornado touched down near the Ohio River in Milton causing damage from Madison to Vevay in Indiana and from Milton to Ghent in Kentucky and



Residents remove a portion of the roof of a home at 114 Highway 36 in Milton, after the home suffered massive damage by an estimated EF-2 tornado on Thursday, March 14, in Trimble County, one of three that reportedly hit Kentuckiana, leaving massive damage and injuring multiple people.

power outages in an even wider area. The storm started with dark clouds, heavy rain, high winds and large hail that inflicted damage on a wide area minutes before the sun popped back out to shine light on all the carnage.

The National Weather Service initially confirmed that at least one EF-1 tornado touched down in Milton but later said it was at least an EF-2 tornado. The NSW survey is ongoing as more assessments come in.

Milton Mayor Denny Jackson viewed some of the damage and received reports on the damage. He said while there was considerable loss of property it appears that there were no serious injuries.

In the initial minutes after the storm efforts were made to reopen the U.S. 421 bridge between Milton and Madison — the only close route to Norton King’s Daughters’ Hospital in nearby Madison — and to check door-to-door to make sure occupants were OK. The storm ripped off roofs, flipped over recreational vehicles at campgrounds along the Ohio River, toppled mobile homes, ripped off shingles and tore down signs.

‘I had the gut-wrenching feeling something was wrong’

BY MARY BETH JACKSON
CORRESPONDENT

MADISON — Jean Knox thought her day was organized. Knox, general manager of the Domino’s Pizza on Clifty Drive in Madison, had come to work Thursday morning to decorate the store for the chain’s customer appreciation event. She had lined up extra help to hang foil pizza slice balloons and metallic streamers.

By Thursday evening, she was manning the store alone, taking calls, filling online orders and topping pizzas at a furious pace. She said the tornadoes and ensuing power outages had resulted in extra business.

“It’s been non-stop,” said Knox, drained but carrying on.

Knox said she dropped off her 3-year-old son at his Hanover area daycare in the morning, and that after a lunch meeting, saw the skies turning dark outside the store as she tacked up balloons.

“It wasn’t green, it was more black and gray,” she said.

She glanced westward, in the direction of the daycare.

“I had the gut-wrenching feeling something was wrong,” she said.

Knox had just fired off a quick text to her son’s caregivers when a notice to seek shelter came across her phone. She said they told her to quickly pick him up if she could. She dashed off to grab her son and her dad and take

them back to work with her. Her husband remained at their Madison house to hold down the fort with their dog.

Back at the store, with the storm fully overhead, Knox saw a funnel cloud come down and retract, then something like smoke.

“It looked like chimney smoke the way it clouded up,” she said. She believes it to have been a touchdown. Then, she said, the clouds shifted and separated to where a funnel appeared. She said she looked eastward toward U.S. 421, and saw another tornado.

The extra help she was counting on would not be coming. Three of the store’s employees, and their children, were living in a heavily damaged building on Ferry Street in Milton. The storm had rendered it unlivable. While managing the store, she was making calls to see what help was available from their employer and if other resources might be available to help them.

At 9:30 p.m., she was still there, filling orders for people looking for food, now. That included customers from Milton who had experienced damage at their homes.

The phone rang. Could Domino’s deliver?

“I don’t have any more delivery drivers for the night,” she said apologetically, and shifted her attention to checking out a customer with a carryout order.

Campers pick up pieces following tornado

BY MARY BETH JACKSON
CORRESPONDENT

MILTON, Ky. — In the waning light of Thursday evening, Raymond Durocher chatted by the Ohio River with friends and family. Normally, that would have been at his camper, but the gravel lot had been wiped clean. The camper had been tossed by a tornado and come to rest across Kentucky 36.

About half a dozen campers in this little getaway spot had been upended, rolled, strewn across the highway and even tossed into the river. One remained entirely missing. Remnants hung over the rail fences of Richwood on the River, where the lights were out in the historic mansion. Durocher was swapping stories with his neighbors,

marveling how he was in one piece.

“I was sitting in the camper, eating lunch, and something told me to get out of here,” he said.

The Madison, Indiana, resident said he spends most of his time at his riverside retreat, and had just polished off two hot dogs roasted over his fire pit, when he felt compelled to go back to his house and check his mail.

Not long after, he found out he’d missed the tornado by 20 minutes, and the errand that seemed so pressing wasn’t that important.

“There was no mail,” he said.

Next door, neighbor Valerie Cornett and her family were gathering anything of importance they could find from their own camper.

“I knew there was more storms coming tonight and wanted to get stuff out while we could,” she said. The camper’s slide-out, which held the microwave, was sitting across the road, while the kitchen utensils sat on the ground a few yards from her.

The choppy clouds portended more storms in the hours ahead. Cornett was already thinking about getting back to her home in Salem, Indiana, where she had installed an underground shelter. The camper on the river is not their permanent residence. The lot was purchased nearly two years ago as a family gathering spot.

“None of this matters,” she said. “We’ll work on it this summer and get it fixed up all over again.”

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Monetary donations being accepted for tornado relief

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Those wanting to help victims of the March 14 tornado and storm can do so with monetary donations.

In Jefferson County, it can be done through the Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County (CFMJC). In Trimble County, it can be done through the two local Trimble County banks.

CFMJC is accepting donations to its Disaster Relief Fund with

100% of the donations to be used to address the needs of those affected in Jefferson County, and anyone can contribute to the fund.

“We are thinking about everyone impacted” by the storm, said Bill Barnes, president & CEO of the Community Foundation, and “know there will be both immediate and longer-term needs for our fellow residents. While the full extent of the damage isn’t known at this time, we want to

give anyone the opportunity to help by making a tax-deductible gift that will be used to directly address the needs of our community, now and in the near future.”

The Community Foundation will work with local government and nonprofit organizations to allocate grants from the Disaster Relief Fund to provide assistance to those in need and determine how much of its own financial resources will be directed to

emergency relief. Those interested may give online at www.cfmjc.org, make a check payable to CFMJC Disaster and send it to CFMJC, PO Box 306, Madison, Indiana, or drop by the Community Foundation’s office at 416 West Street in downtown Madison, Indiana, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

In Trimble County, Farmers Bank of Milton and Bedford Loan and Deposit Bank will each

have a Donate account that will be labeled Trimble County Tornado Relief 2024. The funds will be used to fund persons affected that may have needs that aren’t met by insurance.

Donations are encouraged to only be monetary in both Jefferson and Trimble counties. No goods, such as clothing or water, are being accepted in Jefferson County. In Trimble County, only non-perishable food and water are being accepted.

TORNADO

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The tornado first touched down at 1:58 p.m. on Thursday, one mile north of Hanover, and lifted in Carroll County at 2:24 p.m. During the 26 minutes of terror and destruction, the tornado crossed the Ohio River three times, including paralleling the river for a couple miles as the southern edge of the funnel slammed through Milton, Kentucky. The maximum path width was 500 yards.

In Jefferson County, the worst damage was in the Jefferson Manor subdivision in Hanover and the Route 56 Campground in Milton Township half-mile east of Sandy Beach.

“The weather service has identified that one tornado that hit Hanover and at the campground is the same storm,” said True, noting the funnel cloud went from Hanover to Milton then to the campground and finally ended after it crossed back across the Ohio River into Carroll County, just east of Carrollton on US 42, where sporadic tree damage was sustained before the tornado lifted.

Indiana Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch was in Jefferson County to survey the damage on Friday, visiting both Jefferson Manor and the Route 56 campground, to both assess the damage and to talk to those impacted in both places.

“It was important to be here walking alongside” those who sustained damage from the tornado, Crouch said. “It’s part of being reassuring; that we’re in this together ... I want people to know that here in Indiana we care for each other, we come together as Hoosiers and communities for people in need. That’s



Bob Demaree

Several RVs were damaged at the Route 56 Campground during Thursday’s tornado. The campground is located east of Brooksbury in the vicinity of Sandy Beach along State Road 56.

what I’m seeing all over Jefferson County, people being supportive” in helping those persons whose property sustained damage, and by praying for them. Following her mid-afternoon visit to Jefferson County, Crouch traveled to Winchester, Indiana, which was impacted by an EF-3 tornado later on Thursday.

Among those Crouch met with in Jefferson County was Bill Wagner, whose home is in the 300 block of South Hamilton Street in Jefferson Manor. Wagner, 86, was home at the time the tornado hit his house, taking it off its foundation, destroying the roof and vehicles that were in the garage.

“I heard that train noise that they talk about,” said Wagner. “I just laid down in the hallway, and it didn’t last 10 seconds until the noise was over, and it pulled all the ceilings out, and I was covered with insulation. All that insulation was all over me. I couldn’t even see. It was a mess. It still is,” he said just a few hours after the tornado had hit Thursday.

Wagner didn’t sustain any physical injuries, stating,

“I’m OK, but I’m in shock. It will hit me tomorrow when I have to figure out what I’m going to do.” He said at his age he’s not sure he wants to rebuild, plus he’s lived alone since his wife died a few years ago, and he’s not sure he still needs a 1,815 square foot home. Wagner and his wife, Betty, had the house built in Jefferson Manor in 1998 and moved into the home in 1999.

Nearby on Greene Court in Jefferson Manor, Gayle and Brenda Liter had only been in their new home, now destroyed by the tornado, for about three months. “We don’t know yet what we’re going to do,” Gayle Liter told Crouch during her visit.

Liter said he saw the tornado coming, “I was watching the storm ... We ran into the house into the utility room and about 30 seconds later it hit, and you see the damage.”

Before reaching Jefferson Manor subdivision, the National Weather Service reported the tornado initially touched down on Paradise Lane off State Road 256 on the north side of Hanover, causing shingle and gutter dam-

age, then went to Country Manor Boulevard where it took a roof off a home and left sections of the roof twisted around the limbs and trunks of trees.

After touching down at Jefferson Manor, the tornado ripped a garage off its foundation and moved it into a field behind a home at State Road 56 and Riverview Drive. The storm then crossed State Road 56 where it snapped, uprooted and twisted trees in multiple directions on South Revonah Drive. There were also some uprooted trees along River Bottom Road.

The tornado then crossed the Ohio River between River Bottom Road on the Indiana side and Coopers Bottom Road on the Kentucky side, just south of the Clifty Creek Power Plant.

The tornado stayed on the ground the longest in Milton and inflicted the most damage with several homes, businesses and recreational vehicle campsites destroyed. U.S. 421 at Milton Hill, KY 36 from Milton to east of Notch Lick Road and the Milton-Madison bridge were all closed for

various durations by scattered debris and electricity was knocked out for more than 48 hours.

The storm then jumped back across the Ohio River and the Route 56 Campground was hit just three miles from the Switzerland County line with several recreational campers blown over or lifted up and wrapped around trees, according to the National Weather Service.

Numerous boat docks, had anchor supports pulled out of the ground, including several that were buried in a foot of concrete. True said there were several barns and houses damaged with at least two homes receiving significant damage.

The National Weather Service said the tornado also damaged roofs of three barns in Switzerland County along Green Valley Road and uprooted, topped and snapped trees as well.

True said initial damage assessments started within an hour after the tornado hit, and were done Thursday after the storm. “We were out and checked properties, and also checking on people to see that there weren’t any life safety issues, and were shutting gas tanks off” to address all possible hazards. All that was done by 9 p.m. Thursday. “I don’t know if we’ve ever done anything that fast, but the group did it, and that was phenomenal.”

Another round of damage assessments was to be done Monday by the Indiana Department of Homeland Security. “They’re going to take our information with them, and then go out and compare notes to what they have, and with what we saw initially for what might look different in the daylight,” True said.

Whatever federal assistance might be available

involves a process True expects to take several months. “We’re still in the process capturing” the most accurate dollar estimate for the damage “to get the best captured number.” There might be the possibility of combining a damage monetary amount with what happened in Kentucky, particularly in that the damage was caused by the same storm system.

True said the United Methodist Committee on Relief U.S. Disaster Response (UMCOR USDR) was on the scene providing supplies and helping with cleanup. “They’ve got that (Jefferson Manor) neighborhood cleaned up really good,” he said.

County Commissioners provided dumpsters at both the Jefferson Manor neighborhood and Route 56 campground. “The Commissioners have been very involved” in the relief efforts, True said. “It’s been nice to have them involved and their direction, and involvement in getting out and making sure that needs are getting taken care of.” He said there’s also been support from the County Council and Madison Mayor Bob Courtney.

“For a tornado that has hit us, and done some damage, I think we’ve pulled this together pretty well,” said True. “It really got started with the best group of emergency management personnel that we have. Everybody showed up that was close, and they stayed until we were done.”

True said all that effort is being done to return life back to normal best as possible. “Rescue is number one, and recovery is a close second because people just really want to get back to normal,” he said.



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Developer details plans for West Deputy Pike subdivision

BY MARK CAMPBELL

A Jefferson County developer notified the city’s Plan Commission at its meeting on Monday of a planned 14-lot subdivision to be developed on about a 50-acre wooded tract on West Deputy Pike Road.

Lisa Hammock appeared before the Plan Commission for an advisory meeting on the application. The 49.5-acre site, listed as 3801 West Deputy Pike and zoned agricultural, is in the Madison buffer zone and will need city approval to proceed.

Hammock described the development as a “secluded wooded” subdivision with home sites ranging from 1.31 acres to 5.44 acres with setbacks from the access road of at least 100 feet before beginning construction.

“It’s the kind of homes that are hard to put in town,” Hammock said, noting that developers want to retain as many of the trees as possible to create the kind of home sites that are secluded enough that homes won’t likely be seen from the road except in the fall and winter when the leaves fall.

The homes would be served by Dupont Water Company and individual septic systems on each home site. Hammock said the city’s sewer system is available immediately across the road from the site but that connecting to the line would be cost prohibitive due to the need of lift stations.

She said the typical home site would include a home at least 100 feet off the main road, a



Madison’s Associated Planner Joe Patterson completed his tenure with the city on Monday night, serving as secretary for the Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals meetings. BZA members (from left) Karl Eaglan, Mark Acosta, Scott Baldwin and Rick Farris chatted with Patterson (second from right) and Plan Commission member Joel Storm after the meetings had adjourned. Farris is also a member of Plan Commission.

garage for vehicles and possibly a pole barn. Due to the lot sizes, there will be no requirement for sidewalks or streetlights but the plan is to put pole lights along the main road.

“It’s country living,” she noted.

Plan Commission members voiced no opposition to the project — Madison, like many surrounding communities, is facing a huge housing shortage and most proposals to address that deficit have been looked upon favorably — and there were no objections from the audience.

The only formal action the Plan Commission took on the matter was to approve a waiver on the city’s requirement that all new subdivisions include park space for recreational areas.

Since the lot sizes are large and the focus of the project is to preserve as much woodland as possible, the need to reserve park space is not considered necessary, said Josh Wilber, chairman of the Plan Commission. However, Wilber did suggest that the developer consider putting deed restrictions on tree removal so that property owners must abide by the developer’s goals concerning tree preservation.

“I kind of like that idea,” Hammock said.

In other business, the meeting was the final one for Joe Patterson, the city’s associate planner and secretary of the Plan Commission, who recently resigned to take a job in Bloomington, Indiana. The members thanked Patterson for his assistance and attention to detail and wished him well in his next venture.

Patterson also serves as secretary of the Board of Zoning Appeals, which met later on Monday, and will be leaving that post as well.

Mires hired as Salem Community Schools superintendent

BY BOB DEMAREE

More than eight months after assuming the role of assistant superintendent at Salem Community Schools, Madison native Jill Mires got a promotion when the school board elected her the superintendent at its Monday, March 11, meeting.

“Jill is one of the most hardest working, most positive classiest people I think I have ever met in my life, and I don’t say that easily,” said school board president Mark Day after the board vote. “Congratulations, Jill, we appreciate all of your hard work throughout the school system. We are looking forward to you being the leader of our school corporation.”

Mires expressed appreciation to the school board for its confidence in hiring her, first, by last year choosing her as assistant superintendent. “That was a leap for me” in leaving Rykers’ Ridge Elementary as principal for a position away from Jefferson County where she’s lived all her life. And “now for believing in me and choosing me for the superintendent. I look forward to the work. I am a hard worker. Word is hard. Work is tough, and it’s worth the time and the effort. And also look forward to the successes because celebrating is a lot

of fun, and it’s the culmination of the hard work and the effort that we’re going to put in together.”

Mires, a 1991 graduate of Hanover College, was at Prince of Peace Schools for 21 years — four as principal at Pope John Elementary School and 17 years as a teacher. She then was at Madison Consolidated Schools (MCS) for 11 years — seven years at Madison Junior High School principal and four years at Rykers’ Ridge Elementary School principal. Mires also oversaw elementary curriculum duties at MCS for four years.

Mires, a 1987 graduate of Shawe Memorial High School, was in the same class with Kevin Yancey who became principal at North Lawrence Community Schools last year and Phil Kahn, who has been president of Prince of

Peace Schools for the last 15 years. “We have each landed in these positions great opportunities for leadership,” said Mires.

Last year when Mires was hired as assistant superintendent at Salem Community Schools, she said it was an opportunity she couldn’t pass up. “When I took the assistant job, it was focused on instruction and assessment, and that’s my wheelhouse,” she said. “I love working with teachers. I love working with principals, and I have also been able to work with the students, building those relationships all year long.”

Mires has also working to bring funding to Salem through grant writing. “That’s been an eye-opener for a lot of the budget because so much it is through grants. It’s been good,” she said.

Dr. Kim Thurston has served as Salem’s interim superintendent since last fall after the school

board voted to terminate the contract of Dr. Richard Rutherford, hired in 2022. Prior to serving as interim superintendent, Thurston had been Salem’s assistant superintendent for almost 20 years.

With a search in still ongoing for a new superintendent, Mires said the school board recently

“asked if I was interested, and I decided that I was. I have almost a year under my belt (at Salem), and I’m learning, and I think I would like to try that opportunity, so they hired me Monday night.”

Because she’s already established at Salem, Mires said that becoming superintendent there “is

a nice transition,” particularly with “starting it now before the end of the year is really nice too because I get to float in the end of the year, and celebrate the graduation ceremony, and all highlights of the year, and then to be able to hit the ground running for the new year” when school starts again next fall.



Jill Mires

NOTICES

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Arrangements by Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, KY, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Earl Van Winkle, 93, of Madison, IN, and formerly of Vevay, IN, died Saturday, March 16, 2024, at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres in Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

Misty D. Williams, 44, of Hanover, IN, died Friday, March 15, 2024, at the Jefferson County Criminal Justice Center in Madison, IN. Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover, www.morgan-nay.com.

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MADISON COURIER GIRLS SWIMMER OF THE YEAR

Focused Kuppler emerges as one of the best in area

BY DAVID CAMPBELL
Reilly Kuppler readily admits that swimming wasn't always a priority in her life. Although she has loads of natural talent, it wasn't until last season that she began to take the sport seriously. And once that happened, watch out. A newly-focused Kuppler took the area by storm this year, dominating her events all season and becoming just the third Madison swimmer to win multiple sectional championships in the same year. Based on that breakout success, the junior has been named this year's Madison Courier Girls Swimmer of the Year. "I've been swimming since about sixth grade. And in the sixth grade it was just for fun because all my friends did it and when we moved on to high school I decided I wanted to stick with it," Kuppler said. "I knew it was going to be harder but I think I was ready for that and I was glad I made that commitment because it means a lot to me now."

As part of that new commitment to the sport, Kuppler started eating better and dedicating more time in the pool. She also began working with personal trainer Alex Macon and the results were immediate.

Almost overnight, Kuppler fused her natural talent with proper strength and technique and her times dropped throughout her sophomore season. Then this past season, she began dominating races.

"I think last year was really when I started to see it," Kuppler said. "When I swam at sectional last year and placed really well, that was when I was finally like it's not just for fun anymore. Like, this means so much to me."

"She has incredible work ethic, not only in the pool, but she's also gone out and got the trainer and and she just gets stronger and stronger every year," Madison coach John



Nina Campbell

Madison Consolidated High School junior Reilly Kuppler is the 2024 Madison Courier Girls Swimmer of the Year.

Schutte said. "Last year was a big surprise. It's so different when an athlete knows that they have the potential to do something great and they do what it takes to get better. She proves that every single day."

After placing second in the 50-yard freestyle and third in the 100 freestyle at the sectional last year, Kuppler came into this year laser-focused on winning a title. After earning the No. 1 seed in both events during strong preliminary swims, Kuppler backed it up in the finals, winning both the 50 free and 100 free by nearly half a second, posting a time of 24.40 in the 50 free and 54.40 in the 100 free.

Kuppler knew that competing

with that top seed put a target on her back, but she loved the challenge of backing it up.

"Looking back at last year to those girls, they were so much faster than me but now, I'm them. I'm the fast one," Kuppler said with a smile. "People are looking at me when we line up and it makes me feel really good about myself. And it also makes me feel good about being up there because those girls I know want to get me just like I wanted to get the other girls last year."

Kuppler's sectional wins sent her to the IHSAA State Finals in Indianapolis where she was able to experience a whole new

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MADISON COURIER GIRLS SWIMMING ALL-COURIERAREA TEAM

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Penelope Bibbs	Madison	Jr.
Kira Brittain	Madison	So.
Lily Canida	Madison	So.
Ava Cole	Switzerland Co.	Sr.
Natalee Crawford	Southwestern	Fr.
Raygan Crawford	Southwestern	Jr.
Riley Crawford	Southwestern	So.
Alexis Dean-Wells	Southwestern	So.
Eva Hicks	Switzerland Co.	Fr.
Avery Johnson	Madison	Jr.
Annalise Roney	Madison	Fr.
Kaelin Taylor	Switzerland Co.	Sr.
Piper Taylor	Switzerland Co.	Fr.
Adalei Watson	Southwestern	Fr.
Emma Wynn	Madison	Jr.
*Swimmer of the Year		

Madison's Stotts announces resignation as basketball coach

BY DAVID CAMPBELL
Adam Stotts is proud of the foundation that he has built at Madison Consolidated High School and is fully convinced that the Cubs are on the verge of returning to their past glory. But it will be another coach who guides the Cubs to the finish if that massive rebuilding.

Stotts announced his resignation as head boys basketball coach at Madison on Thursday after three seasons. He said that it was a very difficult decision to make, but family considerations made it the most obvious choice.

"The hardest part was breaking it to the guys who have been through so much with me the past three years," Stotts said. "These guys have come so long and had their been a fourth year — and I know that there would have been a fourth year — it would have been a very successful year."

Stotts took over the Madison program after Sherron Wilkerson's resignation three years ago and immediately faced adversity. Prized sophomore Jack Miller transferred to Scottsburg, leading scorer and junior Kaden Oliver transferred to Silver Creek mid-season and two others starters walked away after the season.

Madison went 6-18 that first season and, with four sophomores in the starting lineup, went 4-20 last season before those early learning pangs began to pay dividends this past season. Although the Cubs were just 7-17 in 2023-24, nine of those losses were by six points or



David Campbell

Madison coach Adam Stotts (right) pumps his fist after a big play during the Cubs' sectional loss to Silver Creek at Scottsburg earlier this month. Stotts announced his resignation on Thursday. Stotts was 17-55 in three years as Madison's head coach.

less, all against teams with double-digit wins.

Stotts attributes those close losses to a lack of experience and with nearly the entire roster back, he expects a big season next year.

"We were 80 spots better in the Sagarin Ratings this year and next year we return a lot of experience," Stotts said. "I truly believe that this team is going to have a fantastic season next year."

While Stotts is confident in the team's ability to have success, he's equally confident in the fact that it is time for him to move on. Stotts is expecting his second child soon and both of his parents are having health issues. For Stotts, family has to come first.

"I think of all of those boys as my family and I love each and every one of them," Stotts said. "But during basketball season, you spend six of the seven days

of the week away from home and that's hard. I don't want to look back and realize that I missed watching my kids grow up. Coaching is something that I can come back to down the road, but I can't get that time back with my kids."

Boys basketball is just the latest coaching vacancy Madison Consolidated High School has dealt with this season. Just this week, Charles Benintende was named head football coach, Alex Hobson was hired for volleyball and Kyle Dunn was hired for girls soccer.

The next boys basketball coach will be Madison's seventh in the past 15 years. No coach has been on the job longer than three seasons since Jim Matthews was forced out after the 2008-09 season. Matthews coached for six seasons and was 78-56.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Trimble softball gets 1st victory

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Shelby Wright drove in three runs and Savannah Oldson and Hannah Chilton each had three hits as Trimble County softball beat Collins 5-2 on Saturday for its first win of the season.

The Raiders scored four runs in the fourth inning on a home run by Jocie Stucker and RBIs from Wright and Oldson to claim the win. Wright and Alyssa Ritchie each also

had two hits and Ritchie claimed the win with one earned run in seven innings with two strikeouts.

Trimble County had 10 hits but suffered an 8-6 loss at Pleasure Ridge Park on Thursday.

Stucker again homered and drove in two runs while Wright was 3-for-4 with an RBI, Oldson was 2-for-3 with a double and

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LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 19

BASEBALL

Trimble Co. hosts Walton-Verona, 5:30 p.m.
Carroll Co. at Anderson Co., 6 p.m.

TENNIS

Carroll Co. hosts Eminence, 5 p.m.
Trimble Co. hosts Henry Co., 5 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Trimble Co. at Shelby Co., 5:15 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20

LACROSSE

Hanover men host DePauw, 4 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Carroll Co. hosts Walton-Verona, 6 p.m.

TENNIS

Carroll Co. hosts Walton-Verona, 5 p.m.

Thursday, March 21

SOFTBALL

Carroll Co. at Shelby Co., 6 p.m.
Trimble Co. at Central, 6 p.m.

TENNIS

Trimble Co. hosts Williamstown, 5 p.m.

Friday, March 22

BASEBALL

Carroll Co. at Grant Co., 6 p.m.
Trimble Co. at Bellevue, 6 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Hanover at Centre, 5 p.m. (DH)

TRACK & FIELD

Hanover at Transylvania, 6 p.m.

"The hardest part was breaking it to the guys who have been through so much with me the past three years."

— Adam Stotts

March Madness is here

BY EDDIE PELLIS
AP NATIONAL WRITER

Even before the brackets came out Sunday, March Madness was a muddled mess. About the closest thing to a sure thing: UConn.

The defending champion Huskies earned the top seed in the NCAA Tournament, joined by Houston, Purdue and North Carolina as No. 1 seeds in a bracket that started going haywire even before the pairings were announced Sunday evening.

Of those top teams, only UConn heads into the tournament coming off a win. The others lost in their conference tournaments, yet those were hardly the only surprises over the final weekend of hoops before the sport's main event hits center stage.

Unexpected titles placed teams like Oregon, North Carolina State and even Duquesne, none of whom were projected to make the

tournament, into the field of 68 via the automatic bid that goes to conference champions. The teams they beat gobbled up a handful of the 34 at-large bids, thus shrinking the number of spots available to teams on the so-called bubble.

"It was one of the most difficult that I've been involved in," Charles McClelland, the chairman of the selection committee, said of the process that had everyone up until 2:30 a.m. the night before. "And I talked to some of the staff that's been in that room for the last 20 years, and they said this is probably the most difficult selection process that they've been a part of."

It showed in a bracket that had its share of head-scratchers:

- Two of the last four teams in — Boise State and Colorado State — weren't even considered on the bubble by most bracketologists.

"A little surprised to be hon-

est," Boise State coach Leon Rice said of his team's No. 10 seed.

- Some of the teams left out — St. John's and Oklahoma — were thought to be safely in as late as Saturday. St. John's decided not to even play in the NIT.

"How is St. John's so far off the cutline?" said UConn coach Dan Hurley, who was surprised only three Big East teams made it.

- Florida Atlantic and Texas A&M were considered bubble teams but ended up with 8 and 9 seeds, respectively.

All of this could be fodder for the growing conversation about expanding the bracket to 76, maybe 80 teams. Under that scenario, bubble teams like Pittsburgh, Seton Hall and even Indiana State would almost certainly be in.

The tournament starts Tuesday with two First Four games, including a matchup between Virginia and Colora-

do State. The 32 first-round games take place Thursday and Friday. The Final Four is set for April 6-8 in Glendale, Arizona.

UConn, which opens Friday against Stetson, is the favorite according to FanDuel Sportsbook and is trying to become the first repeat champion since Florida in 2006-07. The Huskies (31-3) are on a seven-game win streak and are tied with James Madison for most wins in the nation.

For all its excellence this season, UConn ended up in an East region with two of last year's Final Four teams (San Diego State and Florida Atlantic) along with Iowa State, which is coming off a 69-41 win over Houston and was thought, for a minute, to be top-seed material.

"If we're able to get to our identity ... and then we play harder than you, we keep ourselves from being vulnerable that way," Hurley said.

Houston the top South Region seed that also features Marquette, Kentucky and Duke

BY TIM BOOTH
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Houston has a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament for the second straight year, but will have to navigate the likes of Duke, Kentucky and Marquette in the South Region if the Cougars are able to make their first Final Four since 2021.

The Cougars (30-4) were rewarded on Sunday after winning the Big 12 regular-season title and reached the conference tournament title game before losing to Iowa State. They will face No. 16 seed Longwood, the Big South champion, in Memphis, Tennessee, in the first round on Thursday.

Houston is be a No. 1 seed for the third time in school history, joining the 1983 team that reached the national championship game and last season when the Cougars were bounced by Miami in the Sweet 16. Should the Cougars advance past the first weekend — a Longwood win would bring a matchup with either Nebraska or Texas A&M — they'll only need to head up Interstate 45 to Dallas for the region.

The Cougars will be trying to rebound after getting blown out by the Cyclones in the Big 12 title game. It was the largest margin of defeat for a No. 1 team since UCLA beat Houston by 32 in the 1968 Final Four. Houston was riding an 11-game win streak before the loss.

"We'll pick ourselves up. We've had a great year," Houston coach Kelvin Sampson said after the Iowa State loss.

"Obviously 40 minutes is not going to define three months, but we'll get some guys treatment and healthy and get back at it."

The South Region also features No. 2 seed Marquette, who will get standout Tyler Kolek back after he missed the Big East Tournament due to an oblique injury. The Golden Eagles (25-9) reached the Big East title game before falling to UConn.

Kentucky (23-9) is the No. 3 seed in the region and will open against No. 14 seed Oakland. Duke (24-8) rounds out the top-four seeds in the region and will face No. 13 seed Vermont in the first round in Brooklyn, New York on Friday.

Marquette coach Shaka Smart expressed cautious optimism on Sunday that Kolek, the 2023 Big East player of the year, would play in the NCAA opener. Kolek has missed Marquette's last six games with an oblique injury. The Golden Eagles will face No. 15 seed Western Kentucky (22-11) on Friday in Indianapolis.

"The plan is for him to play, but he's got to go through a progression this week," Smart said Sunday.

Smart relayed a story that after the team returned from New York following the Big East title game, Kolek was already going back into the gym to do some ball handling.

"So he has a level of excitement and passion because he feels like he's going to play. Now we've just got to check the boxes we need to check so he can," Smart said.

Purdue atop the Midwest Region after losing to Fairleigh Dickinson in last year's tourney

BY DAVE SKRETTA
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

Purdue coach Matt Painter, reigning AP player of the year Zach Edey and the rest of the Boilermakers have had to carry with them all season the stink of becoming the second No. 1 seed to lose to a No. 16 seed in the NCAA Tournament.

They can truly put that loss to Fairleigh Dickinson behind them when they play Montana State or Grambling State.

The Boilermakers once again earned a No. 1 seed on Sunday, one day after losing to Wisconsin in the semifinals of the Big Ten Tournament, and will begin their trek toward their first Final Four appearance since 1980 in nearby Indianapolis facing the winner of the First Four game between the Big Sky champs and the champions of the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

"I don't think we're really worried about what happened last year," the Boilermakers' Braden Smith said. "We're focused on now. That's in the past. I've said it multiple times, they beat us that day, and they played better than us, and I don't think it will happen again. We're all super excited and ready for this upcoming week."

If the Boilermakers get through their opening game, the path forward is pockmarked with high-profile programs.

They could face fourth-seeded Kansas or No. 5 seed Gonzaga, two teams accustomed to much better

seeds this time of year, and a trip to the Final Four could involve beating second-seeded Tennessee or No. 3 seed Creighton.

The Vols lost to Mississippi State in the quarterfinals of the SEC tourney and the Bluejays fell to Providence in the same round of the Big East tourney, and two teams that accomplished much this season suddenly have a lot to prove.

"Understand that there's no more fixing. It's done," Tennessee coach Rick Barnes said. "You got to get it done right now."

Perhaps the biggest question mark involves the Jayhawks, who were the preseason No. 1 and got off to a tremendous start behind Michigan transfer Hunter Dickinson. They struggled once conference play began, when Kevin McCullar Jr. began having knee trouble, and then lost their 7-foot centerpiece to a shoulder injury in a 30-point loss to Houston a week ago.

Bill Self played without both in the Big 12 Tournament, where Kansas was waylaid by Cincinnati by 20 in the second round, but the Hall of Fame coach expects Dickinson and McCullar to practice Monday and be ready for the NCAA Tournament.

"We have struggled of late. But we haven't been whole yet, either," said Self, whose team matched its worst seeding since he took over the program before the 2003-04 season. "If we can get whole we can play with anybody. We've proven that."

Cheatham, Holmes receive Wooden Legacy Award

BY THE COURIER STAFF

One current and one former Indiana high school basketball coach have been recognized as Indiana's honorees for the John Wooden Legacy Coaching Award presented by the National High School Basketball Coaches Association, it was announced Thursday.

Donna Cheatham, a former girls' coach Southwestern and at Scottsburg, and J.R. Holmes, the current boys' coach at Bloomington South, are the 2023-24 honorees from the Hoosier state as nominated by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association. The two coaches are among those recognized from across the nation in an NHSBCA program coordinated with the Wooden Family.

The award honors scholastic basketball coaches from around the country who are educators and have achieved excellence on the floor, in the classroom and in the community that further embody the characteristics and legacy of the late John Wooden. Honorees may be current or retired coaches. The criteria for the award are rooted in the ide-



Donna Cheatham

als of education, longevity, character, service and excellence.

Cheatham, who retired from coaching in 2020 as the state's wins leader in girls' basketball, posted a career mark of 730-274 in a combined 45 seasons at Scottsburg and Southwestern. Holmes, who recently completed his 54th season as a varsity coach, is the state's all-time leader in boys' basketball victories with a 911-372 record.

Cheatham, 78, directed Scottsburg to a 14-10 finish in 2019-20 to complete her 45-year career as a girls' varsity coach. She was 379-80 in 22 seasons at Scottsburg from 1972-94, 198-92 at Southwestern from 1997-2009 and 153-102 from 2009-2020 in a second tenure at Scottsburg.

As a varsity coach, Cheatham's teams won 21 sectionals, 11 regionals, five semi-states and two state championships — in 1989 with Scottsburg and in 2002 in Class 2A with Southwestern. The 2003 Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame inductee was Indiana's first girls basketball coach to guide teams to state championships at two schools, and her 1988 and 1989 Scotts-

burg squads both were ranked 13th nationally by USA Today. In addition, her teams twice were state runners-up — 1986 with Scottsburg and 2003 in Class 2A with Southwestern. Scottsburg also qualified for the four-team IHSAA State Finals in 1988.

Cheatham's teams posted 40 winning seasons during her career, and she has been recognized with various "Coach of the Year" accolades in 39 occasions. Among those are the 1988 Scholastic Coach Franklin Select Circle National High School Coaching Award, the 1989 Wilson National Region 4 Coach of the Year, the 1989 National High School Athletic Coaches Association Region 4 Coach of the Year, the 2002 National Federation of High School Coaches Central Sectional Coach of the Year and the 2003 National Federation of High School Coaches Central Sectional Coach of the Year. Other state-level honors include IBCA District 5 Coach of the Year in 1988, IBCA District 4 Coach of the Year in 2002 and ICGSA Class 2A State Coach of the Year in 2002.

Cheatham also twice served as head coach of the Indiana All-Stars in the annual home-and-home series with Ken-

tucky (1986 and 2002), one of only two coaches to lead the girls' All-Stars twice. In addition, Cheatham coached in the 1989 HBCA All-Star Classic, the 1990 East/West Indiana All-Star Classic and the 2002 North/South Indiana All-Star Classic.

A 1963 graduate of Dupont High School in Jefferson County, Cheatham went on to Georgetown College in Kentucky where she played basketball, volleyball and softball. She earned a degree in biology from Georgetown in 1967, then began her career in education as a middle school science teacher in Scottsburg in the fall of 1967.

Holmes guided the Bloomington South boys to a 15-11 record in 2023-24. He became the state's first coach to reach 900 victories on Dec. 15, 2023, and his overall mark includes a 768-254 ledger in 42 seasons with the Panthers.

Holmes' record includes 18 conference championships, 22 sectional trophies, eight regional crowns, two semi-state titles and Class 4A state championships in 2009 and 2011. Bloomington South has been a "final four" team six times and an "elite eight" squad 10 times during Holmes' 42 seasons at the school.

HANOVER ROUNDUP

Sorensen, Stenger, Kehoe get victories at Rose-Hulman

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Hanover's track & field competed at Rose-Hulman on Saturday.

The women scored 64 points and finished fourth while the men scored 48 points and placed fifth.

Top finishes for the women were: Amberleigh Sorensen, first, 1500 run, 4:49.40; Jessi Stenger, first, shot put, 12.96m, second, discus, 36.08m and fourth, hammer, 34.34m; Dakota Goetz, second, hammer, 34.34m and fourth, discus, 28.05m; Aliza Boles, third, pole vault, 2.75m; Ally McGuire, fourth, pole vault, 2.75m; Kennadi Lakins, fourth, javelin, 26.92m; Paige Wildman, fifth, 1500 run, 5:15.80; and Kaelyn King, fifth, 100 hurdles, 16.38.

Top finishes for the Hanover men are: Jake Kehoe, first, shot put, 14.64m and fourth, hammer, 41.72m; Ethan Weston, second, 5000 run, 15:06.37; Alex Bower, third, high jump, 1.75m; Sean Woods, third, pole vault, 4.11m; Grady Shay, fourth, 110 hurdles, 16.04; and Tommy Wilmouth, fourth, shot put, 13.95m and fourth, discus, 39.04m.

Hanover competes at Transylvania on Friday.

BASEBALL LOSES 2 OF 3

Hanover baseball dropped two of three games at Wabash over the weekend.

On Saturday, Hanover split a double-header, falling 8-7 in the first game and winning 11-8 in game two.

Alex Christie was 3-for-5 with home run, a double and two RBI and Jake Danneman was 2-for-4 with a home run and two RBI for Hanover in the first game. Madison's Ashton Carie allowed two earned runs in relief and suffered the loss.

Christie and Connor Farnsley each homered in the game two win. Matthew Alter went the first five innings for the win and Chris Hautman got the save.

Hanover lost 6-5 in Sunday's solo game. Eric Roudebush had a home run and Reid Douglas had two doubles for the Panthers. John Girard allowed four runs in three innings and took the loss.

Hanover, now 9-4 on the season, travels to Transylvania for three games starting on Saturday.

SOFTBALL DROPS 2 AT TRANSY

Hanover softball lost two games in the Pioneer Classic at Transylvania over the weekend.

On Saturday, Hanover defeated Wisconsin-Stout 7-6 but lost 11-4 to Adrian.

Lauren Beaman was 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI for Hanover and got the win in the circle with seven strong innings against Stout. Jade Wims had two doubles and three RBIs and Dani Steward suffered the loss to Adrian.

Hanover lost 14-5 in six innings to Trine on Sunday. Sophie Markowicz had two hits and Beaman had a double. Steward allowed five runs in the loss.

Hanover also played Asbury on Sunday but no information was available.

Hanover, now 4-10 on the season, travels to Centre for two games on Friday and hosts Wilmington for two games on Sunday.

MEN'S LACROSSE FALLS AT WABASH

Hanover men's lacrosse dropped an 18-8 decision at Wabash on Saturday.

Alex Kleinhelter and Colin O'Brien each scored three goals for the Panthers while Ethan Abdoo and Owen Cuniffe had one goal each. Lance Guttormson had nine saves in goal and Jackson McKie had five.

Hanover, now 3-5 on the season, hosts DePauw on Wednesday.

TENNIS SWEEP BY ROSE-HULMAN

Hanover's men's and women's tennis both suffered losses at Rose-Hulman on Saturday.

The women lost 7-2. Hailey Vandeventer won 6-1, 5-7, 10-7 at No. 4 singles and Lauren Hale won 6-4, 6-1 at No. 5 singles. The women are now 3-3 on the season.

The men lost 8-1. Joey Keal scored Hanover's lone win, 6-4, 6-1 at No. 1 singles. The men are now 4-3.

MEN'S GOLF 11TH AT ROSE

Hanover men's golf placed 11th at the Great Lakes Intercollegiate at Rose-Hulman over the weekend.

The Panthers shot a two-round total of 640 (313-327). Bing Wilson led Hanover with a 156 (78-78), good for 34th. Jacob Knapp tied for 56th with a 161 (78-83), Alex Wright was 65th with a 164 (79-85), and Cole Ruttinger (78-87) and Griffen Reynolds (84-81) each tied for 66th with 165s.

Hanover next competes at Anderson on April 13.

Hamlin wins tire-management race at Bristol

BY MARK LONG
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Denny Hamlin won the NASCAR Cup Series race at Bristol Motor Speedway on Sunday, passing Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Martin Truex Jr. in the final laps for his fourth victory at the famed short track.

Hamlin also won at NASCAR's bullring last September.

This one was much different. Tire issues hampered most everyone all afternoon as only five cars finished on the lead lap — the first time that has happened in the Cup Series in 20 years. The Gibbs cars were the class of the field.

“My favorite racetrack!” Hamlin exclaimed over his radio while taking the checkered flag. “We got another.”

He was booed — no surprise considering Hamlin has become arguably the series' biggest villain — as he stood atop his No. 11 Toyota following a smoky burnout.

It was Hamlin's 52nd career win and locks him into the playoffs. Brad Keselowski finished third in a Ford, Alex Bowman was fourth in a Chevrolet and Bowman's Hendrick Motorsports teammate Kyle Larson rounded out the top five.

“It was weird,” Larson said. “I accidentally fin-



Denny Hamlin celebrates after winning the NASCAR Cup Series race, Sunday in Bristol, Tenn.

Associated Press

ished fifth. I'll take it. I hope I never have to run another race like that again.”

The other two Gibbs cars — driven by Ty Gibbs and Christopher Bell — finished ninth and 10th, respectively.

The race was chaotic from the start, with cars burning through tires at such an alarming rate that NASCAR issued each team an extra set. That gave

them 11 sets total, including the one used in qualifying.

It made for four hours of tire management that put gave control to drivers and crew chiefs. It also led to the most lead changes (54) in NASCAR's short-track history, breaking the previous mark of 40 set in 1991 at Bristol.

JGR handled it better than the rest of the field.

“Our Toyotas are really

working well right now,” Truex said.

NASCAR returned Bristol to “normal” for the first time in four years for the spring race. The track added red clay each of the last three years. Reviews were mixed, and as the novelty wore off, sub-par racing inside the high-banked oval overshadowed any excitement that came with the series running on dirt for the

first time since 1970.

In an effort to improve the racing and make sure the track had two equal lanes, workers put down a resin-based traction compound through the turns. It was far from perfect.

GOODYEAR RESPONDS

Goodyear felt the need to make a rare statement during the race. Greg Stucker, the tire manufacturer's director of racing,

said a test at Bristol Motor Speedway last year was intended to find a setup that led to more tire wear.

But he called Sunday's outcome “too drastic.”

The rubber that was supposed to leave tires and adhere to the racing grooves came off in chunks that looked like shredded cheese. Those loose pieces called “marbles” create a slippery situation around the 0.533-mile track.

Part of the culprit may have been the tracks' decision to put down a new and different traction compound.

“Now we're trying to understand what's different,” Stucker said. “Why is the racetrack behaving differently this weekend than what it did a year ago? It's the same package. It's the same tire combination.”

“Obviously, the difference is resin was place on the lower groove instead of the (previous substance). Yet I still think the racetrack should be taking rubber as it did last fall; it took rubber immediately during that race.”

UP NEXT

The series moves to its first road track of the season, with a Sunday race at Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas. Tyler Reddick won the 2023 race there.

Votto homers on 1st pitch in 1st spring training game with hometown Toronto

BY PAT GRAHAM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Joey Votto sure knows how to make an instant impression, going deep on the first pitch he faced as a member of his hometown Toronto Blue Jays.

The veteran first baseman lined a 392-foot homer to left-center off Philadelphia Phillies ace Zack Wheeler in the first inning Sunday in Clearwater, Florida, in his inaugural spring training game with Toronto.

Granted, there was some debate about whether the ball actually went out, and Votto momentarily stopped at second base. But the umpires ruled it was a homer and he continued on his way to home.

A chance to go home is what led Votto to Toronto in the first place; he agreed to a minor league contract with the Blue Jays this month after spending 17 seasons with the Cincinnati Reds.

The 40-year-old Votto became a free agent last fall after the end of a \$251.5 million, 12-year contract with the Reds, the team that selected him in the second round of the 2002 amateur draft out of Richview Collegiate Institute in Toronto.

A six-time All-Star and the 2010 NL MVP, Votto has a .294 average with 356 homers, 1,144 RBIs and a .409 on-base percentage in 2,056 games. Cincinnati declined his \$20 million option for 2024.

YANKEES INJURIES

The New York Yankees may have caught a break on the injury front. X-rays on the right foot of leadoff hitter DJ LeMahieu came back clean. Although sore, LeMahieu remains day to day after fouling a ball off his foot this weekend.

The banged-up Yankees recently learned that ace Gerrit Cole won't throw for three to four weeks due to nerve irritation and edema in his throwing elbow. The right-hander likely will need a spring training-like period after he resumes throwing to be ready to rejoin the team.

Sluggish Aaron Judge is dealing with an abdominal injury. He hit off a tee, did soft toss and took batting practice against a pitching machine in an indoor cage Sunday.

Judge, who recently had an MRI of his abdomen come back clean, hasn't taken batting practice on the infield or played in a game since a week ago when he struck out in both at-bats against Atlanta.

Reliever Tommy Kahnle threw 20 pitches over one inning in a simulated game. He is expected to

miss at least the first week of the regular season because of a right shoulder injury.

ALONSO CONTRACT UPDATE

Signing New York Mets first baseman Pete Alonso to a long-term contract before the end of the season appears to be a remote possibility, owner Steve Cohen implied in a lengthy media session Sunday, his first of spring training.

“At this point, for Pete, it's best for him to go and have a great year and not be distracted,” Cohen said.

Alonso has a \$20.5 million, one-year contract and can become a free agent after the World Series.

Alonso, who turns 30 in December, was the 2019 NL Rookie of the Year and is a three-time All-Star. Over his five seasons with the Mets, he's hit .251 with 192 homers and 498 RBIs.

Alonso last fall hired Scott Boras as his agent, and Boras generally prefers his clients use their free agent rights to maximize value.

Cohen believes his good relationship with Boras could help the Mets.

“I enjoy the conversation,” he said.

FOR OPENERS, PART I

The Cardinals are turning to Miles Mikolas as their opening-day starter with Sonny Gray recovering from a strained hamstring. St. Louis opens the season on March 28 against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Mikolas will be making his third start in a St. Louis opener. The righty went 3 1/3 innings, allowing five runs, last season during a 10-9 loss to Toronto. In 2019, he surrendered five runs over five innings as St. Louis lost 5-4 at Milwaukee.

Gray, the AL Cy Young Award runner-up in Minnesota, signed a \$75 million, three-year contract in the offseason.

FOR OPENERS, PART II

Right-hander Josiah Gray will get the ball for Washington in the season opener at Cincinnati on March 28. Gray went 8-13 with a 3.91 ERA last season.

WHEELER'S TIME

Wheeler will take the mound on opening day for the Phillies, ending Aaron Nola's string of six straight opening-day starts. The last time a starter other than Nola got the ball on opening day for Philly was Jeremy Hellickson in 2017.

NFL mulls rule changes that include challenges for penalties

BY JOSH DUBOW
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The Indianapolis Colts are proposing a rule change that would allow coaches to challenge any penalty call for the first time.

The NFL released a list of several rule change proposals on Wednesday made by teams that included an option to run a fourth-and-20 play in lieu of an onside kick, the moving of the trade deadline and giving teams an additional challenge if they are successful on one of their first two tries.

The competition committee will make its own rule change proposals next week and owners are scheduled to vote on them at the league meetings later this month with 24 votes needed for approval.

The most consequential change — proposed by the Colts — would allow for challenges of penalty calls by coaches, or replay officials in the last two minutes of the half, for a chance to correct egregious mistakes.

Challenges would be limited only to penalties that were called on the field and could not impose a penalty when it wasn't called.

Replay review is currently not used for most penalty calls outside of too many men on the field or whether a ball was touched before a pass interference penalty occurred.

Replay is limited to aspects of a play such as whether a ball

was caught or dropped, whether a player reached a first down or touchdown, whether a player fumbled before being down or whether a play was inbounds or out of bounds.

The NFL had a one-year experiment making potential pass interference calls reviewable in 2019 after a bad no-call cost the New Orleans Saints during the NFC championship game against the Los Angeles Rams the previous season. The league dropped that after one year.

The Lions also proposed giving a team a third challenge if one of its two first tries was successful. Currently teams only get a third challenge if they are successful on both of their first two attempts.

The Eagles once again brought up a proposal to alter onside kicks for end-of-game situations after only 5% of onside kicks in the fourth quarter were recovered by the kicking team, according to Sportradar. That's down from 18.8% as recently as 2017 as new rules for safety have made recovering onside kicks more difficult.

The new proposal would allow a team trailing in the game to attempt a fourth-and-20 play from its own 20 following a touchdown or field goal instead of using a traditional onside kick.

The team would keep the ball at the yard line gained following a conversion or

give the receiving team the ball if it failed. Teams could still opt to use surprise onside kicks.

Owners have voted down similar proposals with a fourth-and-15 option in recent years.

Here are some of the other proposals:

- The Steelers proposed moving the trade deadline back one week to the Tuesday following Week 9. Six other teams proposed moving it to the Tuesday following Week 10.

- The Eagles proposed requiring scoreboard clocks to display tenths of seconds in the final minute of each half.

- The Lions proposed eliminating the requirement that a player must be on the roster for at least one day following the cutdown to 53 players in order to be designated to return from injured reserve during the season.

Detroit also proposed allowing teams in the postseason to designate any player to return from IR after missing four games even if a team has used its allotment of eight designated to return slots in the regular season.

- The Bills proposed allowing a team to promote a third player each week from the practice squad to the active roster if that player is a “bona fide” quarterback and was designated as the emergency third QB for the game.

Sources: Bengals bolster defense, with DT Rankins and safety Bell

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Cincinnati Bengals have bolstered their defense by agreeing on contracts with defensive tackle Sheldon Rankins and safety Vonn Bell, two people familiar with the terms told The Associated Press on Thursday.

Both people spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the deals haven't been finalized.

Rankins gets a \$26 million, two-year deal. He had six sacks in 2023 in his only season with Houston. Rankins spent his first five seasons in New Orleans and two with the Jets before going to the Texans.

Bell receives a one-year, \$6 million contract to return to Cincinnati after one season in Car-

olina. Bell spent three seasons with the Bengals after starting his career in New Orleans.

COWBOYS REWORK PRESCOTT'S CONTRACT TO REDUCE MASSIVE CAP HIT SLIGHTLY, AP SOURCE SAYS

FRISCO, Texas — The Dallas Cowboys are slightly reducing quarterback Dak Prescott's massive salary cap hit by reworking his contract going into the final year of the deal, a person with knowledge of the move said Monday.

A \$5 million roster bonus has been converted into a signing bonus to reduce the 2024 cap hit by \$4 million, to about \$55 million, the person told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the

club doesn't release details of contracts. The move was first reported by ESPN.

The Cowboys can create more salary cap relief with an extension for Prescott, who is coming off a wild-card loss at home to Green Bay that dropped his playoff record to 2-5.

While Jerry Jones has said the club plans to keep Prescott, the team owner and general manager hasn't struck the same definitive tone he did in 2021 before signing his franchise QB to a club-record \$160 million, four-year contract.

The reworking of the contract included adding two more voidable years in 2027 and 2028, which pushed Prescott's salary cap number in 2025 up slightly to \$40 million.

Scheffler goes back-to-back in Players Championship

BY DOUG FERGUSON
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PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — The roar could be heard from a half-mile away just 16 minutes after the final group set out Sunday in the final round of The Players Championship. It was loud enough to indicate something special had happened. The question was more “what” than “who.”

Moments later, Scottie Scheffler’s name appeared on the leaderboard, and he was on his way, adding another layer to his legend as the best in golf.

His 8-under 64 tied the Players Championship record for best Sunday score by a winner. His five-shot comeback matched another tournament record. And he now stands alone as the only back-to-back champion in 50 years of the PGA Tour’s premier championship.

“It’s tough enough to win one Players,” said Scheffler, who was coming off a five-shot victory last week at Bay Hill. “So to have it back-to-back is extremely special. Yeah, really thankful.”

For those trying to beat him, it was no surprise, even with Scheffler starting five shots behind.

“Just another week,” Xander Schauffele said when he saw that Scheffler had joined the chase.

Wyndham Clark didn’t see a leaderboard until No. 11 and Scheffler was tied for the lead.

“And I kind of chuckled and I said, ‘Yeah, of course.’ I mean, he’s the best player in the world,” Clark said.

Scheffler holed out for eagle from the fourth fairway — that was the enormous cheer — had four birdies in a five-hole stretch around the turn and had

so much control of his game that he played the final 31 holes on the scary TPC Sawgrass without a bogey.

It added to a one-shot victory that came down to the very last putt.

Schauffele, Clark and Brian Harman all had a chance to force a playoff with a birdie on the daunting 18th hole at the TPC Sawgrass.

Clark had the last shot, a putt just inside 18 feet that dipped into the cup on the left side and came out on the right side, leaving him stunned as he placed his hand over his mouth.

“I don’t know how that putt doesn’t go in,” Clark said. “Even when it kind of lipped, I thought it would lip in. I’m pretty gutted it didn’t go in.”

Schauffele missed an eagle putt from 25 feet on the par-5 16th and a birdie putt from 6 feet on the island-green 17th.

His approach from the pine straw on the 18th went long and his chances were gone. Harman missed a birdie putt on the 18th from about 18 feet.

They tied for second and each earned just short of \$1.9 million from the \$25 million purse, the largest in golf.

Scheffler finished at 20-under 268 and picked up \$4.5 million for his ninth win worldwide, pushing him over \$50 million for his career. And to think it was only two years and one month ago that he was still searching for his first win.

This was no ordinary week.

Scheffler felt a sharp pain in his neck early in the second round that required treatment as he played three holes. It turn to take the club back, and he said he might have withdrawn except that he was in the mix and hates to walk away from a fight.

He was eight shots behind late Saturday when he finished with three straight birdies to at least give himself hope.

“Then today I woke up feeling fairly close to normal,” Scheffler said, still wearing a few strips of black kinesiology tape on his neck. “I went out there and had a good round of golf.”

He is understated in speech only. The golf is simply sublime.

Scheffler delivered a masterpiece on the Players Stadium Course, where so much can go round without warning. His 64 matched the low round by a Players champion, last done by Davis Love III in 2003. He tied Justin Leonard (1998) with the five-shot comeback.

“I’m a pretty competitive guy, and I didn’t want to give up in the tournament,” Scheffler said. “I did what I could to hang around until my neck got better. Today it felt really good.”

Pacers roll in 2nd half to beat the Nets

BY CHRIS GOFF
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Pascal Siakam had 28 points and 11 rebounds, Aaron Nesmith scored 16 points and the Indiana Pacers beat the Brooklyn Nets 121-100 on Saturday night.

All-Star Tyrese Haliburton finished with 14 points and seven rebounds for the Pacers, overcoming a 6-for-18 shooting night, and his backup T.J. McConnell finished with 13 points. McConnell has scored in double figures 10 times in his past 17 games.

“Pascal was great,” Indiana coach Rick Carlisle said of Siakam, who made 11 of 22 shots, all six free throws and added three steals. “He was great on offense. Defensively, he had his best game.”

Cam Thomas had 22 points and eight rebounds for the Nets, who were outscored 82-42 in the paint in the teams’ first meeting of the season. Brooklyn shot 43% from the field, committed 21 turnovers and fell to 1-4 on its six-game road trip.

“Get 82 points in the paint, 17 offensive rebounds and 21 turnovers, that’s tough to beat a team like that,” Brooklyn interim coach Kevin Ollie said. “We can’t have 21 turnovers. Got to protect your paint. We got to keep people in front of us.”

Indiana trailed 30-25 at the end of the first quarter and led just 59-57 at half-time before blowing the game open in the second half, leading by 27 in the fourth quarter. The victory was the Pacers’ seventh of the season by a margin of at least 20 points.

“Just get to the paint and great things will happen,” Nesmith said. “When you get to the paint, you tend to score more. We put emphasis on that.”

Cam Johnson scored 14 points for the Nets, Dennis Schroder and 13 points and five assists, and Dorian Finney-Smith finished with 12 points. Brooklyn, in 11th place in the Eastern Conference standings, had gone 6-1 in its previous seven visits to Indiana.

“We got to do all the tough things,” Ollie said. “Did it first half. Basketball was beautiful. Second half we went into (isolation) basketball. We’re not good enough to do that.”

The sixth-place Pacers shot 48% from the floor and carried an 86-78 lead into the fourth quarter despite making only 4 of 26 3-point attempts to that point. Indiana won the rebounding battle 59-48 and prevailed for the third time in its past four games.

“I’m all about the team,” Siakam said. “I try my best to bring that energy every time. Physical (defense), continue to challenge, multiple efforts, guard, I thought we did that. I want to make sure I’m all about winning. That’s my focus.”

Morgan scores late goal to lead San Diego past Gotham FC 1-0 in the Challenge Cup

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HARRISON, N.J. — Alex Morgan scored in the 88th minute and the San Diego Wave won the Challenge Cup with a 1-0 victory over Gotham FC on Friday night in the National Women’s Soccer League.

Morgan started the second half as a substitute. She broke the stalemate on a header off a corner kick from Savannah McCaskill, who joined the Wave in the offseason from rival Angel City.

“The ball came straight to me, so I knew that I couldn’t mess it up,” Morgan said.

The Challenge Cup match pitted the winner of last season’s league championship and the NWSL Shield winner. Gotham claimed the title after a 2-1 victory over the Seattle Reign, and the Wave finished with the season’s best record (11-7-4). The league’s regular season opens on Saturday.

The Wave had a good chance in the 33rd minute, but Gotham goalkeeper Cassie Miller got a hand on Jaedyn Shaw’s shot and it popped up and away.

After winning the title, Gotham spent the off-season adding high-profile players that included Crystal Dunn from the Portland Thorns, Rose Lavelle and Emily Sonnett from the Seattle Reign and Tierna Davidson from the Red Stars. All four are U.S. national team regulars.

Douglas Emhoff, the husband of Vice President Kamala Harris, and Sen. Cory Booker attended the match. They were among the announced crowd of 14,241 at Red Bull Arena.

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3	WAVE	6	2		WAV..	NBCN..	WAV..	News	Night	Extend..	The Voice (N)		Password (N)		WAV..	
4	WTTV	4			CBS4..	CBSN..	BigBa..	Sheldon	FBI (N)		FBI: Int (N)		FBI-Wanted (N)		CBS4..	
5	WLWT	2			News	NBCN..	WLWT	Hollyw..	Night	Extend..	The Voice (N)		Password (N)		News	
8	WISH	12			News (N)		Inside..	ET (N)	Crime Nation (N)				News (N)		News	
9	WCPO	23			News	World..	News	Extra	Will Trent		The Rookie		Good Dr (N)		News	
11	WHAS	11	4		News	World..	ET (N)	Inside..	Will Trent		The Rookie		Good Dr (N)		News	
15	WKPC	13			Ameri..	Edition	NewsHour (N)		Dante: Inferno (N) (F)				Rising Against		BBCN..	
19	WXIX	10			FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopar..	Cleaning (N)		Alert (N)		FOX19 (N)		FOX19	
32	WLKY	5	5		News	CBSN..	Wheel	Jeopar..	FBI (N)		FBI: Int (N)		FBI-Wanted (N)		News	
34	WBKI	7	7		Neighb..	House..	Sheldon	BigBa..	Crime Nation (N)				BigBa..	Sheldon	LastM..	
41	WDRB	8	9		News	News	FamFe..	FamFe..	Cleaning (N)		Alert (N)		News (N) (Live)		News	
A&E	28	36			Road..	Road..	Road..	Road..	Road..	Road..	Road..	Road..	Custo..	Custo..	Road..	
AMC	29	26			(4:30) ♣ Bad Boys		♣♣♣ Police Academy ('84)				(:15) ♣♣♣♣ Trading Places ('83)					
COM	45	59			Office	Office	Office	Office	(:20) The Office		Office	Office	Office	Office	DailyS..	
DISC	31	38			Homestead "By a Landslide"				Homestead Rescue				Homestead Rescue			
DISN	25	29			Hamst..	Hamst..	Big City	Big City	Hailey	Hailey	Marvel..	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	Villains	
ESPN	32	44			SportCtr (N)		2024 NIT Basketball Tournament		2024 NIT Basketball Tournament				SportC..			
FREE	18	40			♣♣♣ The Other Woman ('14)				♣♣♣ The Proposal ('09)		Sandra Bullock.		700Club			
FX	40	28			(4:00) ♣ Star Wa...		♣♣♣♣ Star Wars: Return of the Jedi ('83)						Shogun (N)		Movie	
HBO	201	17			(4:45) ♣ Manch...		The Regime		♣♣♣ Blue Beetle ('23)				(:10) ♣ The Expendables			
MAX	270	73			Movie	(:25) ♣♣♣ Poltergeist ('15)		♣♣♣ Predators ('10)		(:45) ♣ Attack the Block			Movie			
NEWSNTN	20	20			The Hill (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo	
PARMT	35	41			TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	♣♣♣♣ Twister ('96)		Helen Hunt.		♣ Day After To...			
SHOW	221	16			(5:30) ♣ Past Lives		(:15) ♣♣♣ Golda ('23)		♣ Freedom's Path ('22)				Movie			
TMC	233	74			♣♣♣♣ Saturday Night Fever ('77)		♣♣♣♣ A Single Man		(:40) ♣ The Talented Mr. Ripley							
TNT	27	43			(5:15) ♣♣♣♣ Thor: Ragnarok ('17)		♣♣♣♣ Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 ('17)						Movie			
USA	26	33			Law-SVU		Law-SVU		WWE NXT (N) (Live)				(:10) ♣ Central Intelligence			

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4	WTTV	4			CBS4..	CBSN..	BigBa..	Sheldon	Survivor (N)			The Amazing Race (N)		CBS4..		
5	WLWT	2			News	NBCN..	WLWT	Hollyw..	Chicago (N)		Chi. Fire (N)		Chicago (N)		News	
8	WISH	12			News	Madne..	Inside..	ET (N)	Wild Cards (SF)		Family Law (N)		News (N)		News	
9	WCPO	23			News	World..	News	Extra	Conners	NotDe..	Abbott	Celebr..	9-1-1		News	
11	WHAS	11	4		News	World..	ET (N)	Inside..	Conners	NotDe..	Abbott	Celebr..	9-1-1		News	
15	WKPC	13			Ameri..	Edition	NewsHour (N)		Nature		NOVA "Polar Extremes"				BBCN..	
19	WXIX	10			FOX19	Clevel..	NBA Basketball					Clevel..	FOX19 (N)		FOX19	
32	WLKY	5	5		News	CBSN..	WLKY March		Survivor (N)				The Amazing Race (N)		News	
34	WBKI	7	7		Neighb..	House..	Sheldon	BigBa..	Wild Cards (SF)		Family Law (N)		BigBa..	Sheldon	LastM..	
41	WDRB	8	9		News	News	FamFe..	FamFe..	Masked (N)		Animal	Family..	News (N) (Live)		News	
A&E	28	36			Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Booked (N)		Court..	
AMC	29	26			(5:00) ♣♣♣♣ The Fifth Element		♣♣♣♣ Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol ('11)						Movie			
COM	45	59			Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	DailyS..	
DISC	31	38			Expedition		Expedition		Expedition		Expedition (N)		Ghost Adv. (N)		Expedi..	
DISN	25	29			Hamst..	Hamst..	Big City	Big City	Hailey	Hailey	Marvel..	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	Bunk'd	
ESPN	32	44			SportCtr (N)		NBA	NBA Basketball					NBA Basketball			
FREE	18	40			(:20) ♣♣ The Waterboy ('98)		Adam Sandler.	(:25) ♣♣♣ Why Him? ('16)		James Franco.		700Club				
FX	40	28			♣ Venom: Let There Be Carnage		♣♣ Morbius ('22)		Jared Leto. (P)		American		Ameri..			
HBO	201	17			(5:25) R..	♣♣ Shut In ('16)		♣♣♣♣ Wonka ('23)		(:55) The Regime		Movie				
MAX	270	73			(:20) ♣♣♣♣ Baby Mama ('08)		♣♣♣ Life After Beth		♣♣♣ The Dead Don't Die			Movie				
NEWSNTN	20	20			The Hill (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo	
PARMT	35	41			TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	♣♣♣♣ The Hangover ('09)		Bradley Cooper.	♣ Hangover Pa...				
SHOW	221	16			(5:30) Thriller 40		♣♣♣♣ Coming to America ('88)		♣♣♣♣ The Wolf of Wall Street ('13)							
TMC	233	74			(5:40) ♣ Everything Everywhere All...		♣ Fear the Night ('23)		(:35) ♣ Vindicta ('23)			Movie				
TNT	27	43			Lucifer		NHL o..	NHL Hockey				NHL Hockey				
USA	26	33			Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-S..	

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4	WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	NCAA Men's First Round: Teams TBA (N)									NCAA Men's
5	WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	WLWT	Hollyw..	Law (N)		Law-SVU (N)		Law-Crime (N)		News	
8	WISH	12		News	Health	ZoneE..	ET (N)	Conners	Conners	Son of a	Son of a	News (N)		News	
9	WCPO	23		News	World..	News	Extra	9-1-1 (N)		Anatomy (N)		Station 19 (N)		News	
11	WHAS	11	4	News	World..	ET (N)	Inside..	9-1-1 (N)		Anatomy (N)		Station 19 (N)		News	
15	WKPC	13		Ameri..	Edition	NewsHour (N)		Antiques		Doc Martin		Father Brown		BBCN..	
19	WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopar..	Next Level (N)		Farmer (N)		FOX19 (N)		FOX19	
32	WLKY	5	5	News	FinalF..	NCAA Men's First Round: Teams TBA (N)									NCAA Men's
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41	WDRB	8	9	News	News	FamFe..	FamFe..	Next Level (N)		Farmer (N)		News (N)		News	
A&E	28	36		The First 48		The First 48		The First (N)		The Stand (N)		(:05) TBA		First48	
AMC	29	26		(5:00) ♣♣♣ Ghostbusters ('16)				♣♣♣♣ Ghostbusters ('84) Bill Murray.				♣ Ghostbusters II			
COM	45	59		Office	Office	Office	Office	(:20) The Office		Office	Office	Office	Office	DailyS..	
DISC	31	38		Hustlers		Hustlers		Hustlers		Hustlers		Hustlers		Hustlers	
DISN	25	29		Hamst..	Hamst..	Big City	Big City	Hailey	Hailey	Marvel..	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	Jessie	
ESPN	32	44		SportCtr (N)		Wrestling NCAA Championship: Second Round (N) (Live)								NHL Hockey	
FREE	18	40		Movie ♣♣♣ The Boss ('16)				♣♣♣ Sweet Home Alabama ('02)						700Club	
FX	40	28		♣♣ Morbius ('22) Jared Leto.				♣♣♣♣ Spider-Man: No Way Home ('21)						Movie	
HBO	201	17		(:05) ♣♣♣♣ Wonka ('23)				Enthus.. (:40) ♣♣♣♣ The Color Purple ('23)						Regime	
MAX	270	73		♣ I Now Pronounce You Chuck &...				♣♣♣♣ Election ('99)				(:45) ♣ Shiva Baby ('21)		Movie	
NEWSNTN	20	20		The Hill (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo	
PARMT	35	41		TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	♣♣♣ The Hangover Part II ('11)				♣ The Hangover Part III			
SHOW	221	16		(4:15) ♣♣♣♣♣ Titanic		♣ 13 Hours: Secret Soldiers of Benghazi								♣ Godfather, Coda: Deat..	
TMC	233	74		Movie (:25) ♣ Hello I Must Be Go...				♣♣♣ The Switch ('10)				(:45) ♣♣♣ Last Vegas ('13)			
TNT	27	43		(4:00) N..		(:45) NCAA Men's First Round: Teams TBA		(:15) NCAA Men's First Round: Teams TBA		NCAA Men's First Round: Teams TBA					
USA	26	33		(5:00) ♣ A League of Their Own				Figure Skating				♣ A League of Their Own			

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ACROSS

1 Gladden
6 "Too bad!"
10 Law-to-be, perhaps
14 Antianxiety med
15 Lymph ____
16 Operatic solo
17 Rags-to-riches tale: 2 wds.
20 Stretchy
21 Devices with Siri
22 Grp. of connected PCs
23 Finish up
24 Blessing
25 "Ready ___, here I come!": 2 wds.
27 Puts back to 0
31 Tubular sandwich
34 Bit the dust: 2 wds.
36 Be false
37 Sunrise's direction
38 Sinus-treating doc
39 Land amid water
40 NL West team
41 "I know the answer!": 2 wds.
43 Smell awful
44 Flip, as a house
47 Hayek who played Frida Kahlo
49 Zilch
51 "More than I needed to know!"
52 Yoga surface
55 Savory meat pies
58 Egg-based paint
60 Ways to get around traffic: 2 wds.
62 Lion's sound
63 2011 MCU film
64 Smelled awful
65 Door openers
66 ___, zwei, drei...
67 Map book

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1 Shine
2 Boxer Ali
3 Former UN leader Kofi
4 Teeny bits

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42 Bugs Bunny's foil
45 Goes in
46 Hidden hangout
48 Brunch cocktail
50 Japanese beer brand
52 Iron, say
53 Big concert venue

54 Things to do
55 Urban green space
56 Topical gel additive
57 "Don't move, doggo!"
59 Short golf shot
61 Vast quantity

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ACROSS

1 Old computer insert
5 Has to
9 Jiggly dessert
14 Letters before a hot take
15 __noche (tonight, in Spanish)
16 Shun
17 Midlife crisis purchase, maybe: 2 wds.
19 Used a beeper
20 Every-ten-years count
21 Former Russian dynasty
23 "Nice, Lionel Messi!"
24 Country singer Blake
26 Use a razor
27 Pre-election event
32 Words to a traitor: 2 wds.
35 Ignited
36 Beauty parlor
37 Birth control option: 2 wds.
39 Fragrant
41 Melodies
42 Not worth a ____
43 Deities
44 AL West team
46 Rain protectors
48 Sideways pass
50 __ pal (female friend)
53 "Chocolate" dog
57 Trinidad and ____
59 Resigner's words
60 Marks in the margin
62 Handbag
63 Cook in a hot pan
64 Dog treat shape
65 Wise people
66 Uno, dos, ____
67 __ and crafts

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4 Designer Michael
5 GI's place to eat: 2 wds.
6 Trojans' sch.
7 Up-and-coming actress
8 Mystical cards
9 From Tokyo, say
10 MLB star Longoria
11 Corporate emblem
12 Actor Schreiber
13 __ and ends
18 Heinie
22 '60s fashion
25 Wicked
26 Sub- opposite
28 Fringed hairstyle
29 Low female voice
30 Three-__ sloth
31 Comes to a close
32 Jazz singer Jones
33 Ergo
34 Camper's shelter
38 Quarantines, say

39 Fly high
40 Museum workers
42 More unbending
45 Feeling blue
47 "The __ thickens!"
49 Breakfast bread
50 Croc kin
51 Representative

52 Suffers defeat
53 Gloss targets
54 Color of water
55 Village, informally
56 Get out of bed
58 Ali __ and the Forty Thieves
61 Scottish "no"

Parents differ about sex happening in house

Dear Amy: My wife and I have a difference of opinion regarding our 20-year-old daughter. We would love your perspective.

Our daughter is a sophomore at a university in Europe and has recently started dating another sophomore (male) student.

When she comes home for the summer, he plans to visit.

In conversations with my wife, I have indicated that I will expect him to sleep in our guest bedroom and for our daughter to sleep in her room during his visit.

My wife makes the case that they are practically living together in college. While I acknowledge this, I feel uncomfortable with explicitly allowing them to sleep together in our home.

I am having a hard time verbalizing it, but it just doesn't seem right to me.

Am I getting hung up by this country's puritanical attitudes toward sex and my Roman Catholic upbringing, or is there some legitimacy to my desire to have them sleep in separate rooms?

— Pondering Papa in the Pacific Northwest

Dear Pondering: Yes, your reaction might be a puritanical thing and also a Catholic thing. But mainly — it's a dad thing.

This is about dads and daughters, and the ancient and protective dynamic between them

that seems to override logic.

I have not noticed this particular dynamic between mothers and their daughters (mothers and sons have their own unique issues).

Yes, you know that your daughter and her boyfriend have sex, but as long as this happens elsewhere, you'd rather not think about it, thank you very much.

Also, unless you've met this guy before, he is essentially a stranger to you. Letting a stranger sleep with your daughter in your own home violates your innate bond to protect her.

The "legitimacy" of your reaction lies in the fact that you are having it.

Understand, however, that this couple will sleep together. Unless you intend to police the hallway at night, this will be happening in your home.

You might compromise by offering the couple two rooms — one room might be a place to keep his things and bunk down (if he wants to) while he is visiting. You could then leave the rest up to them, without dictating specific terms.

This might help you to maintain the cognitive dissonance you seem to require in order to admit this relationship into your world.

This is your opportunity, however, to begin the process of letting go. It is a tough but necessary developmental step.

Granddad is tired of constant video calls

Dear Amy: My stepson, his wife and 3-year-old daughter live in Hawaii.

My wife and I are on the West Coast.

We visit them several times

a year, and they visit over the Christmas holidays when they can.

The times we spend together are always warm and drama-free.

We're on good terms, and I adore them.

My one issue is our daughter-in-law. While sweet as she can be, she video calls every day, often more than once, to recite the minutiae of her day.

Honestly, it can be quite tedious. Sure, it's good to see our toddler granddaughter, even when she's being difficult or disinterested, but these unscheduled video calls can run 10, 15 or 20 minutes each and too often happen during meals or when we're reading, watching television or drifting off to sleep.

We have other children and grandchildren who we speak with about once a week. This amount of contact is delightful and reasonable.

I have gently mentioned the annoyance to my wife, who mostly agrees, but cannot bring herself to set a few boundaries for fear of hurting our daughter-in-law's feelings. After bringing it up several times, I realized that my prodding hurt my wife's feelings. I'd just like her to keep it "short

and sweet." What do you think?

— Hanging Up

Dear Hanging Up: It sounds as if your daughter-in-law is very lonely. She wouldn't be video chatting with her husband's folks twice a day if she had friends, other family and other satisfying outlets.

Has your wife discussed this with her son? (Not the annoyance of the calls, but the issue of his wife's possible loneliness?) Calling seems to be a lifeline for this mom, and your wife could ask her if she is involved in any playgroups or other activities with other moms and their children.

This mother likely gave birth during the height of the pandemic, and I wonder if this experience has made her self-isolate. As the primary contact, your wife should encourage this young mom to find ways to connect with other families.

On your next visit, you grandparents should look at opportunities in her neighborhood with fresh eyes. Visits to the local playground can yield abundant friendships for both the child and the parents. Here are ways to create boundaries if she is calling at an inconvenient time: "Oh, we're just sitting down to dinner. Is everything OK? Can we talk tomorrow?"

Additionally, I suggest that you "dial in" (pay close attention) for a few moments to make eye contact in a friendly, sincere and open manner, and then go on your way.

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ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Say what you mean and mean what you say. Just a few words in an influential ear might be all it takes to make a persuasive argument. You'll remain worthy of trust if you don't take your commitments or promises lightly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Complaining won't change anything but your inner stress level. If you want things to change, you'll have to make sure the right ideas get to the right people. Find the needed workaround and help get it implemented.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Past relationship habits may interfere with the way you interact with someone new. Explain what's going on before someone misunderstands what you want. Your power is in changing yourself, don't try to change anyone else.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — The more you cultivate your own inner wisdom, the clearer your path ahead will be. Confer with a partner or loved one to get other perspectives and to see what you missed, then weigh your options carefully.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Keep something in reserve and don't be too eager to show your hand. Let the other person make the first move before you make your play. Don't spend big money on passing fads; better to save for a rainy day.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Embrace your passions. Once you get the ball rolling you should develop the momentum to see a business or financial idea through to the end. This may not be the time to play it safe or to hide your light.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Persistence pays off in the end. Someone might seem to be an overnight success, but you don't know how many years they kept their nose to the grindstone. Listen to someone trusted for the best guidance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Be prepared if expenses begin to mount up. A social gathering could become a headache if you are stuck with the bill, or if someone borrows money. A loved one can handle problems with good sense.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Even if things are mostly going well, scheduling might become an issue. Before you finalize plans, check in with everyone involved to learn what's already booked. It may take a couple of tries but you should get your chance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Investigate money making ideas and comprehensively list out the pros and cons. Handle finances in a businesslike manner and you can successfully set your best plans in motion. Consider opportunities carefully.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Ambition might begin to blossom. This could be the time when you are filled with fresh strength and dedication. Someone in your family circle may offer sound suggestions needed to overcome problems.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Some are transfixed by appearances and look no deeper. You may only need one glance into someone's eyes to understand a lot. Be sure you are investing in people who'll have your back when it's your turn to need help.

ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You might be tempted to sabotage a long relationship for another chance at a honeymoon high, when it's all new and exciting. Healthy relationships require that both have done self-work and can behave in a healthy way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Don't pour fuel on flames of controversy. Not everyone sees eye to eye on certain topics, so read the room and be diplomatic and tactful where appropriate. Focus on learning new things of interest to you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — There's a big difference between mindless procrastination and intentionally waiting for the right timing. The first won't level you, the second can seriously move the needle. Be honest with yourself about which it is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — If a situation becomes frustrating, a walk around the block, a workout, or a jog around the park can clear your head. Physical activity boosts your brain power and mood, can help generate ideas, and can put things in perspective.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — As time passes, people grow and change; few people make no changes at all over years. As people change, so do relationships; you may grow closer or drift further apart. Each person needs to decide which way to go.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Putting a favorable spin on things is a far cry from delivering quality in the first place. Since there can always be someone who suspects your motives or does not agree with

you, let your high standards tell the true story.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Give people the space they need. Sometimes loved ones need to work things out on their own. Tackling boring or routine tasks in smaller increments can gradually finish the workload until everything is all handled.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Family dramas might be briefly distracting. A gentle and empathetic approach can take an emotional conflict down a notch or two. Loved ones should react favorably to evidence that they are being heard.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Make your own way. You may be better suited to tackling problems using your own judgment than by submitting them to a committee. Go at your own pace rather than waiting for validation from others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Be wise and stick to practical plans that are already in motion. Don't let a lack of funds get you down. The dice might not land in your favor today so don't gamble with money you can't afford to lose.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — A poor start can be forgotten if there is a strong finish. Even if morning stress may make you want to head back to bed, try to find positive ways to use your time. By evening, your problems may seem less important.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Eventually the universe will break you out of stagnation; you may need to move away from a group to see the possibilities clearly. Ignore mindless peer pressure but take careful note of all significant conditions.

South Carolina, Iowa, USC, Texas top seeds in women’s tourney

BY DOUG FEINBERG
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

Dawn Staley and South Carolina could see some familiar faces on their path to trying to finish off an undefeated season.

The Gamecocks, who are the No. 1 overall seed in the women’s NCAA Tournament, are looking to become the 10th women’s basketball team to go unbeaten for an entire season.

They had a chance last season before falling just short against Caitlin Clark and Iowa in the Final Four. The Hawkeyes received the other No. 1 seed in the Albany Regional. The two teams wouldn’t potentially face off until the national championship game this time. Iowa is a one-seed for the first time since 1992.

USC and star freshman JuJu Watkins earned the Trojans’ first No. 1 seed since 1986 as the top choice in a Portland Regional. Texas earned the fourth No. 1 seed, its first since 2004, and will

play Drexel in the other Portland Regional opener. There was debate whether Texas or Stanford would get the fourth No. 1 seed.

“To say we talked about it more than once was an understatement,” said NCAA selection committee Chair Lisa Petersen. “What it came down to was Texas had to play three tournament teams to get to the (Big 12) championship.”

South Carolina coach Dawn Staley’s squad has been challenged a few times this year, including needing a buzzer-beating 3-pointer from Kamilla Cardoso to win the semifinals of the SEC Tournament over Tennessee, but has always pulled through. The Gamecocks, who are a No. 1 seed for the fourth consecutive year, will play the winner of Sacred Heart and Presbyterian in the first round of the tournament.

“I always feel good to be the No. 1 overall seed and to be unde-

feated,” Staley said. “I’m excited because we get a chance to know what our path is to win the national championship and, all great teams, a lot of familiar faces that are in our region. But we have to take it one game at a time and that’s what we’ll do on Friday.”

Cardoso will miss the opening game after getting ejected for fighting in the SEC title game. The Gamecocks would have her back for a potential second-round matchup against either North Carolina or Michigan State. South Carolina beat the Tar Heels earlier in the season.

“Fortunately for us, it’s someone we played without for four games this season,” Staley said. “We know we’re a better basketball team when Kamilla Cardoso is in the lineup.”

Joining the Gamecocks in the Albany Region are No. 2 seed Notre Dame, third-seeded Oregon State and fourth-seeded Indiana.

Clark, who became the

NCAA’s all-time leading scorer this year, is trying to win her first title. The Hawkeyes open up against the winner of Holy Cross and UT Martin. Joining the Hawkeyes in their region are No. 2 UCLA, defending champion and third-seeded LSU and fourth-seeded Kansas State. The Tigers beat the Hawkeyes for the national championship last year.

The other top teams in USC’s bracket are Ohio State, UConn and Virginia Tech. The Huskies were the last team to go undefeated in a season, running through the 2015-16 season.

Texas could have to contend with No. 2 Stanford, No. 3 North Carolina State and fourth-seeded Gonzaga.

The NCAA changed its format last season and is having two regional sites for the Sweet 16 and Elite Eight rounds. Albany, New York, hosts one and Portland, Oregon, the other. Once again the top four teams in each

region will host the opening two rounds.

The tournament begins Wednesday with two First Four games. The full madness starts with 16 games Friday and 16 more the next day. The Final Four will be played in Cleveland this year for the first time since 2007. The national semifinals are on April 5, with the championship game two days later.

Tennessee continued its streak of appearing in all 42 NCAA Tournaments. On the other end, Presbyterian, California Baptist, Columbia and Texas A&M-Corpus Christi are all making their first appearance.

The Atlantic Coast Conference and Southeastern Conference both have eight teams in the field. The Big Ten, Pac-12 and Big 12 each have seven. The Big East has three teams. The West Coast Conference and Ivy League each have two. It’s the second time that the Ivy League has gotten an at-large bid.

Is there a way to slow Clark in March? Here’s how some have tried

BY ERIC OLSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Many have tried to slow down Caitlin Clark. Few have succeeded. The numbers bear that out.

Opposing coaches will try again in the NCAA Tournament to come up with schemes to defend Division I’s all-time leading scorer but know it’s hopeless to completely shut down the Iowa guard. The only question is how many points she will add to her record total of 3,771 as she winds up her career before heading to the WNBA.

“You can do everything right and not stop her. That’s the problem,” said Kansas State coach Jeff Mittie, whose team has faced Clark and the Hawkeyes three times over two seasons in nonconference games and could meet them again in the Sweet 16 next week.

Clark has scored at least 20 points in 118 of her 133 career games and at least 30 in 56. She is the only player in NCAA women’s

basketball history to lead her conference in scoring and assists four consecutive seasons. Her 173 3-pointers this season are an NCAA record.

The goal for opponents, then, is to mitigate the damage the national leader in scoring and assists can do. Easier said than done.

“Anything you do,” Robyn Fralick of Big Ten rival Michigan State said, “she counters.”

Either Holy Cross or UT-Martin will face Iowa later this week. Though there’s no how-to manual for defending Clark, coaches offered thoughts on the subject in interviews with The Associated Press.

All pointed out what Clark observers have long known: she prefers to go to her left when she shoots her signature step-back 3-pointer and to her right when she drives to the basket. When she can’t get a shot or her path to the basket is blocked, she uses her superior court vision to find her teammates with precision

passes. And she loves to make long passes in transition that can be converted into easy baskets. She leads the nation with 294 assists this year, as she does in triple-doubles (six).

Kansas State was effective against Clark in its 65-58 win in Iowa City on Nov. 16, though Clark scored 24 points. She was 9 of 32 overall and 2 of 16 on 3s and had just three assists.

Jaelyn Glenn and Zyanna Walker took turns defending her. Mittie emphasized picking her up early to discourage those long outlet passes. Another defender would take over if Clark got a head of steam or had an advantage against the player assigned to her. The Wildcats varied their coverages when she came off ball screens.

“We tried to mix up what we were doing enough that maybe you have her off a little bit,” Mittie said. “Going right, we would try to get under some screens so we could shut off that drive and not give as much help.

Going left, we just tried to be as physical as we could and get in the shot line when she got separation.”

Indiana coach Teri Moren decided to go with a physical game plan against Clark when it won 86-69 in Bloomington on Feb. 22. Chloe Moore-McNeil, Sara Scalia and Lexus Bargesser were assigned to her, and the Hoosiers would switch out of man-to-man and use a triangle-and-two with two guards playing man and two forwards and the center playing zone.

“We knew she was going to get hers,” forward Mackenzie Holmes said, adding that the Hoosiers were OK with Clark scoring a lot of points as long as she was inefficient doing it.

The plan worked. Clark scored just four of her 24 points in the second half, when she was 2 of 13 overall and 0 for 7 on 3s. For the night, she was 8 of 26 and 3 of 16. The rest of the Hawkeyes were just 18 of 41 overall and 2 of 12 on 3s.

Clark acknowledged the

Hoosiers’ defense bothered her.

“I think being physical, face-guarding me, throwing a lot of different people at me... yeah, just very physical,” Clark said. “They kind of pushed me off my spots, got me out a little deeper than I wanted to be.”

Nebraska gave up 31 points to Clark in its 82-79 win in Lincoln on Feb. 11. All her points came in the first three quarters. She was 0 for 6 in the fourth, 0 for 4 on 3s, as the Cornhuskers erased a 14-point deficit in the last 10 minutes.

The Huskers switched defenders playing Clark straight-up in the first half and mixed in a box-and-one for much of the second half with Kendall Moriarty the chaser on Clark.

Michigan State’s strategy was to do the best it could against Clark and zero in on the rest of the Hawkeyes, and it almost worked. The Spartans lost 76-73 in Iowa City on Jan. 2 when Clark made a long 3-pointer just ahead of the buzzer.

Clark scored 40 points on a career-high 34 shot attempts. The rest of the Hawkeyes had 36 points on 33 attempts.

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Conferences, Notre Dame reach 6-year deal to continue CFP

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
AP COLLEGE FOOTBALL WRITER

The nine Bowl Subdivision conferences and Notre Dame reached an agreement Friday on a six-year deal to continue the College Football Playoff through the 2031 season, a significant step that establishes a revenue-sharing plan and allows the CFP to finalize a media rights agreement.

Executive Director Bill Hancock said the agreement doesn't lock in a format for the CFP for 2026 and beyond, but it guarantees at least a 12-team field and five conferences having annual access to the playoff through 2031.

The playoff is expanding this season from four teams to 12, with the five highest-ranked conference champions — regardless of league — and seven at-large selections making up the field.

“Anything else regarding format is to be determined,” Hancock said.

A person who has seen the agreement told AP the plan for 2026 is for the Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten, Big 12 and Southeastern Conference champions to receive automatic CFP bids, along with the highest-rated champion from the five other conferences that signed the deal: the American Athletic, Conference USA, Mid-American, Sun Belt and Mountain West.

The person spoke on

condition of anonymity because details of the agreement had not been made public.

The Big Ten and SEC had been pushing for models that would give their conferences multiple automatic bids, but that talk has been tabled for now.

The number of teams in the CFP could grow to 14 under the new agreement, but for now there is no plan in place and no urgency to make a decision, Hancock said.

Hancock said the conference commissioners who manage the CFP might want to let the coming season play out and evaluate the first iteration of the 12-team model.

“We're going to take a deep breath, step back, and begin those conversations whenever it's appropriate,” he said.

Hancock said the Pac-12, which is set to operate as a two-team league with just Washington State and Oregon State next season, didn't sign the agreement because of its uncertainty beyond 2025.

The CFP implemented a rule recently that a conference had to have at least eight teams to be eligible to qualify for access to the playoff.

Hancock said it was unclear whether the Pac-12, if rebuilt will be able to join the agreement.

The CFP has an agreement in principle with ESPN on a new media rights agreement worth \$7.8 billion that adjusts the value of the last two years of the current 12-year contract to account for more playoff games and runs

through 2031.

The CFP couldn't complete that deal without the conferences first agreeing to participate in the playoff and a revenue-sharing plan.

“We are still negotiating with ESPN,” Hancock said. “We're encouraged about the position we are in. But we still have work to do.”

Hancock declined to

give details of the revenue-sharing agreement.

It has been previously reported — and confirmed by AP — the Southeastern Conference and Big Ten will receive more than 50% of the distributed CFP revenue, with the Atlantic Coast Conference and Big 12 getting about 30%

combined and the Group of Five Conferences and Notre Dame the rest.

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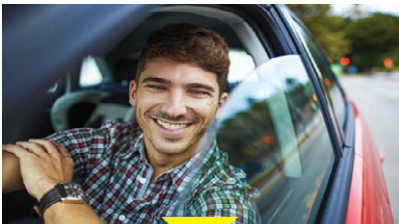
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KUPPLER

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level of fast up close. She placed 27th in the 50 free in 24.70 — three seconds behind the winner — and 30th in the 100 free in 55.23 — nearly six seconds behind the winner.

But rather than get discouraged, the performance is serving as new motivation to Kuppler, just like finishing second in the sectional did a year ago.

“I got to watch everybody else swim and I’m like, I’m gonna be with them next year,” Kuppler said. “I want to make finals next year, not necessarily win. But hopefully I just want to make finals and be able to go back on Saturday.”

ROUNDUP

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an RBI and Hannah Chilton had two hits. Jaelyn Hilbrook took the loss.

Trimble, now 1-3 on the season, hosted Walton-Verona on Monday and heads to Central on Friday.

MADISON TRACK AT INDY

Several Madison girls track & field athletes competed in the Red Devil Last Chance Indoor Qualifier in Indianapolis on Saturday.

Results were: Hannah Dart, sixth, shot put, 34-4; Hannah Combs, eighth, pole vault, 8-6; Bridget Cline, 16th, high jump, 4-6 and 28th, 60 dash, 8.52; Jasmine Mireles, 19th, shot put, 28-11; Ava Spencer, 23rd, 3200 run, 13:35.71; Kailee Lock, 24th, 3200 run, 17:03.40; Eliza Burnett, 26th, long jump, 14-0; Autumn Ross, 27th, 60 dash, 8.50; and Sofia Bentz, 30th, 60 hurdles, 12.15.

Madison opens the outdoor sea-

son on April 4 against Southwest-ern and South Ripley at home.

CARROLL COOUNTY BASEBALL WINS TWO

Carroll County baseball closed out its opening week with a pair of wins, beating Calvary Christian 11-6 on Thursday and Pendleton County 10-9 on Saturday, both at home.

Carroll scored five runs in the bottom of the fourth inning and two more in the fifth with claim the win over Calvary.

Dalton Wilson 2-for-2 with two RBI and two runs scored for the Panthers, Branon Battaglia had two hits and two RBIs and Coy Willhoite had a double and scored three runs. Braden Stephenson picked up the win on the mound after allowing one earned run in four innings of relief with four strikeouts.

Carroll County scored a run off an error in the bottom of the eighth inning to beat Pendleton County on Saturday.

Bryce Furnish went 3-for-4 with two RBI for the Panthers and

Aden Stephenson went 2-for-3 with a home run, three RBI and two runs scored. Battaglia had two hits and drove in a run.

Preston Snow got the win with four innings in relief, allowing just one earned run on three hits.

Carroll, now 2-1 on the season, travels to Anderson County on Tuesday and heads to Grant County on Friday.

TRIMBLE COUNTY BASEBALL DROPS TWO

Trimble County baseball suffered a pair of losses over the weekend.

On Friday, Trimble lost 4-2 at Frankfort Christian after the hosts scored four runs in the bottom of the first for all of the runs they would need. Jacob Sullivan and Liam Taylor each had hits for the

Raiders and Taylor and Charlie Liter each scored runs. Liter took the loss on the mound.

The Raiders lost 14-4 at Waggener on Saturday. Sullivan had two hits and an RBI and Liter had a double. Noah Chilton was tagged with the loss.

Trimble, now 1-2 on the season, hosts Walton-Verona on Tuesday and travels to Bellevue on Saturday.

CARROLL COUNTY SOFTBALL WINS OPENER

Carroll County softball hammered Central 19-0 in five innings in the Panthers’ season opener on Thursday.

Carroll, now 1-0 on the season, hosted Williamstown on Monday and hosts Walton-Verona on Wednesday. The Panthers travel to Shelby County on Friday.

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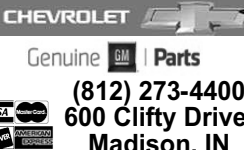
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